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SUMMARY.

A socialist leader in France, speaking of the Czar's manifesto said it was a confession that repression had failed. The reforms offered, he said, would aggravate the discontent.

A revolt has taken place at Coimbra, in Portugal, against the collection of rates and the military being called out fired on the people, killing eight and wounding many others.

Germany has allotted £15,000 to assist German farmers to emigrate to South-west Africa, and loans will also be granted to settlers.

The British Ambassador at Constantinople has informed the Porte that unless the Aden hinterland is evacuated by the Turkish troops, Great Britain will define the boundary herself.

An undertaking has been given by the Coley-Broomfield land syndicate to place 50,000 British on an immense tract of land at New Ontario.

A bill introduced in the House of Lords providing that St. Patrick's Day shall be proclaimed a bank holiday throughout Ireland has been read the second time in the House of Lords.

A cable message from London states that New South Wales is placing £600,000 worth of Treasury bills on the London market. The interest mentioned is 4 per cent.

Baron von Richtofen, German Minister for Foreign Affairs, states that China is willing to pay her indemnity in gold. He says that she cannot do so unless the maritime customs duties are paid in gold.

The Customs conference at Bloemfontein between the various South African colonies has proved a failure.

It is stated that Russia has guaranteed a Chinese loan for £8,000,000 to be issued in May, and that Belgium, Holland, and France have secured concessions for railways in Mancharia.

Sir Thomas Lipton's new yacht, with which he will challenge the America Cup, was launched at Belfast on Tuesday amidst great enthusiasm.

A request was recently sent from the Berrigan Progress Committee to the King asking for an acknowledgement of the planting of 600 ornamental trees in commemoration of the Coronation.

His Majesty has sent a reply in which he states that he warmly appreciates the feeling of loyalty which inspired this method of commemorating the event.

Corowa vintage returns show that the yield of grapes this year is the lowest ever known. It probably will not average 7cwt. to the acre.

The Lord Mayor's Drought Relief Fund now amounts to £12,506, and the amount received so far as the result of Saturday's street collections is £1617. Full returns from the suburbs have not been received.

The committee of the Municipal Association yesterday decided in response to an inquiry from the Premier to recommend that provision should be made in the Municipalities Bill for a cheaper method of settling election disputes.

It was resolved to suggest that proceedings for unseating aldermen might be taken in the District Court instead of the Supreme Court.

At yesterday's meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board a letter was read from the Works Department asking for payment of half the cost of supervision and extras on a footbridge built over Lane Cove River.

The estimated cost of the bridge was £4600, and the account for extras and supervision was £1380. After discussion the board agreed to pay half the latter sum.

Owing to the limited amount of money available the strictest economy is to be observed at the Easter encampments this year. Only khaki uniforms are to be taken into camp.

At a meeting of the health and recreation committee of the City Council yesterday it was resolved to obtain from the proper officers of the council a report on its power to expend money for preventing the spread of consumption.

The Minister for Works proposes, where private persons have felled trees in such a position that they constitute a danger to watercourse bridges, to enforce the provisions of the Water Rights Act, and compel their removal.

At a public meeting at Hillston a resolution has been carried condemning the Government for sending unemployed from another locality to Hillston relief works.

Five cases of scarlatina have occurred at Bryan's Gap school, near Tenterfield, and the school has been closed.

The Drought Relief committee at Walgett has decided to apply to the Lord Mayor's committee for a grant of £300 to assist settlers who by drought and sickness have been reduced to indigence.

There are now three candidates announced for the Tamworth election—Mr. D. B. Todd, Mr. Nankervis, and Mr. T. H. Thrower. Two of these are in opposition to the Government, and one in the labour interest.

Authority has been received from the Imperial Army Office to pay all members of the Australian Commonwealth Horse Regiment the special gratuity of £5 granted some time ago.

Madame Melba's charity matinee yesterday was attended by about 2800 people, and the result is that towards of £600 will be added to the Drought Relief Fund.

In connection with the Rocks resumption the Advisory Board has estimated that the total cost of dealing with and reconstructing the area would be £593,236, and the cost of resumptions £1,100,000.

It was also estimated that selling the land on a 50 years' lease would return to the State a sum of £1,826,197.

Sir John See said yesterday that if the requirements of the people and mines of Broken Hill were so urgent that the immediate construction of the Umberumberka weir became necessary he would carry out the work.

Parliament had, however, voted money for the Yanco Glen work, and he did not feel justified, except in grave emergency, in undertaking the other work without authority.

The Women's Social and Political League has written to the City Council asking that particular attention be paid to the milk supply, especially in view of the mortality among infants and children.

A cable message has been received by the Consul-General for the United States saying that no cases of plague have been notified in San Francisco since December 11.

The annual distribution of prizes to students at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College was made yesterday by the Minister for Agriculture.

Consideration is being given by the Queensland Government to the rearrangement of portfolios rendered necessary by the death of Mr. O'Connell, Minister for Lands.

It is considered probable that the Home Secretary will become Minister for Lands, and that the Chief Secretary will take over the Home Secretary's Department in addition to his own.

There is also a possibility that some change may be made regarding the administration of the Mines Department.

Up to the present £325,000 of Queensland Treasury bills recently issued to the public have been subscribed out of £500,000 offered.

At the annual meeting of the Children's Hospital last night the report of the committee showed that there was an increase of patients as compared with the previous year.

The death rate was, however, lower, both in the general and diphtheria wards, the latter being due to slightly improved accommodation being available.

Reference was also made to the delays which had occurred in beginning the erection of the new hospital and the unsuitability of the site offered near Park-road.

The Waverley Borough Council estimates that the amount available for road works from the rates during the present year will be nearly £4000, a larger sum than in any previous year.

The final of the Sydney Thousand was run on the Cricket Ground last night, the race being won by E. C. Hopper, an American, with Don Walker second.

About 20,000 people were present, and the greatest excitement prevailed. Some sensation was caused in one of the races by an accident in which several riders fell, but none were seriously hurt.

Speaking last night on the subject of the £600,000 Treasury bills loan just announced, the Treasurer said that it was for paying off engagements falling due in London during the next two months.

The conference between representatives of the two Houses in Melbourne on the Reform Bill was continued yesterday, and again adjourned last night without any settlement being arrived at.

There was considerably more speculative inquiry in the Import market yesterday, and some good transactions were reported, though in some instances the prices accepted were not very high.

Fair business was done in wheat on spot and to arrive. Manitoba flour continued very scarce on spot, with firm prices for parcels to arrive.

Broken Hill silver stocks were somewhat easier on the Mining market. There was a firmer tendency in one or two Charters Towers gold companies.

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For DEVONPORT, BURNIE, and STANLEY.—Steamers weekly.

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For FIJI (Lautoka, Suva, Levuka), SAMOA (Apia), TONGA (Vavau, Haapai, Nukualofa), thence to Auckland—
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For NEW ZEALAND PORTS, via Hobart and Bluff—
S.S. MOKOIA, WEDNESDAY, April 1, at 2 p.m.
For LAUNCESTON.—S.S. PATEENA, SATURDAY, March 21, at 1 p.m.
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For WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, DUNEDIN, and BLUFF, HOBART, and MELBOURNE (transhipping to outports)—
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From MELBOURNE, via HOBART and BLUFF—VICTORIA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25.

TASMANIA.
HOBART (direct)—
ANGLIAN (see special advt.).
LAUNCESTON—
From MELBOURNE (direct)—COOGEE, March 24, 28.
MELBOURNE and GEELONG—
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GLADSTONE, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, CAIRNS, and RIVER PORTS — Tyrian, Saturday, March 21, 1 p.m. Leura, Saturday, March 28, 1 p.m.
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GLADSTONE — Wodonga, Tuesday, 5 p.m., March 24
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BUSINESS: To receive the Annual Report and Balance-sheet, to Elect Office Bearers for the ensuing year, to Amend Rule 18, and to transact any other business of which due notice has been given.
LEONARD DOBBIN, Brigade Hon. Secretary.
19th March, 1903.

WOMEN'S Social and Political League.—The usual Weekly MEETING takes place TO-NIGHT, March 19th, at 8, in the Ladies' Reading Room, School of Arts, Pitt-street. All Women most cordially invited.

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Business:
To receive Directors' Report and Balance-sheet.
To elect Directors in the room of ARTHUR WILLIAM TOOTH and ERNEST RULE TAYLOR, who retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election.
To elect 2 (two) Auditors in terms of Clause 119 of the Articles of Association.
And for any other business which may be brought forward at the Meeting in conformity with the requirements of the Articles of Association.
By order of the Board.
A. R. TROUP, Secretary.
Sydney, 12th March, 1903.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

BOROUGH OF WOOLLAHRA.
NOTICE is hereby given that an Assessment has been made and a General Rate of One Shilling in the £ levied by the Council of this Borough on the assessed value of the rateable property within the Borough for the current municipal year, in accordance with the provisions and for the purposes set forth in section 141 of the Municipalities Act of 1897; also that a Special Rate of Threepence in the £ has been levied on such assessed value for the purpose of lighting the Borough with gas, under the provisions of section 143 of the said Act; and that the books containing such assessment are open to inspection during office hours.
NOTICE is also given that a Court of Petty Sessions will be held at the Police Court, Paddington, on TUESDAY, 7th April next, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the hearing of Appeals against such assessment.
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CHAS. A. VIVIAN, Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Woollahra, 11th March, 1903.

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Town Hall, Petersham, 18th March, 1903.

PETERSHAM MUNICIPAL ELECTION. Extraordinary Vacancy, Lewisham Ward. Dr. PURSER, J.P., is a Candidate. Polling Day, SATURDAY, March 21.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of MARY WILSON, late of Adelong, in the State of New South Wales (late wife of ARTHUR OTMAR WILSON), deceased, intestate.—All Creditors of the abovenamed deceased are required to send particulars of their claims to the undersigned, FRANK TAYLOR, not later than FRIDAY, the 27th March instant. FRANK TAYLOR, Solicitor, Russell-street, Tumut. By his Agent, GEO. H. TURNER, 76 Pitt-street, Sydney.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ELIZABETH MARIA KNIGHT, late of Norwood-street, Petersham, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to FREDERICK PHILLIP ANDREAS and HENRY PERCIVAL ANDREAS, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices of claims may be served at the offices of the undersigned, 163 King-street, Sydney. JOHN WILLIAMSON and SONS, Proctors, 163 King-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of RICHARD DRUCE, late of Braidwood, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Codicil of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to GEORGE HIGGS, of Braidwood aforesaid, Farmer, the Sole Executor in the said Will named; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, Wallace-street, Braidwood. Dated this 17th day of March, A.D. 1903. W. L. FELL, Proctor for the Executor, Braidwood. By H. C. ALLISON RICH, 10 Bligh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ISABELLA GLASGOW, late of Minmi, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN GLASGOW, of Minmi, Miner, the Husband of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. BRAYE and COHEN, Proctors, Newcastle. By their Agents, ASHER, OLD, and JONES, 17 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of THOMAS OLIVER LASCELLES CADELL, late of Wotonga, East Twickenham, in the county of Middlesex, England, Esquire, deceased.—Application will be made after 14 days from the publication hereof that the Probate granted to ARCHIBALD ROBERT FOWLER in respect of the above Estate may be sealed with the seal of this Court; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. WILLIAM MANDEVILLE BARKER, Solicitor for Executor, 1 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

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The said Frederick Albert Lewis will continue to carry on the said business on his own account, under the same style or firm name, and will receive and pay all debts due to or by the late firm, the said John Benjamin Whitty retiring from the same.
Dated this 28th day of February, 1903.
Witness to the signature of the said Frederick Albert Lewis—W. H. LEWIS, Solicitor, Melbourne. — F. A. LEWIS.
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JOHN LAWLER and SONS (established 1860), Wire Mattress and Bedding Manufacturers, Mattresses Cleaned and Remade. Telephone No., 66. Steam Factories, Nos. 6, 8, 10 Union-lane, Brickfield-hill.

ENVELOPES, 2s per 1000. Phillips, stationer, 41 Market-st., near Elizabeth-st.

J. H. ADGER, the only Scalp and Hair Clinic.—Advice and remedy, 10s 6d. 48 Castlereagh-st. Tel., 3256.

RESULT of Drawing for the Benefit of W. Tugwell:—1st prize, No. 213; 2nd, 382. W. Roe, secretary.

PHOTOS, Art Pictures, in permanent colours, for Sale. Hammond, George-st., one door from Hunter-st.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SPIRITUALISM.—Mrs. Sullivan, daily, 12 till 6, meetings, nightly, Sat. excepted. 279 Pitt-st., upstairs.

SPIRITUALISM. Mrs. Hughes, to-night and Fri. priv.; daily, 10 to 4. 80 Newtown-rd.

MADAME DE RUCHING has removed to 79 M'Arthur-st., Ultimo, and can be consulted throughout the day.

MADAME PUTO, Professional Palmist, late of Carlton House, Hobart, to 169 William-st., opp. church.

MR. STEPHENSON, Spiritual meeting, 8; daily, 543 Harris-st., opp. power-house.

TASSO HALL, Phrenologist, &c., 28 Mount Vernon-st., For. Lodge. Balmain and D'moyne tram to door.

CALLS AND DIVIDENDS ON SHARES.

BROKEN HILL SOUTH SILVER-MINING CO., No Liability.
NOTICE is hereby given that all Shares in the above Company Forfeited for Non-payment of the Ninth Call of 1s per Share will be sold by Public Auction, on FRIDAY, 20th March, 1903, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Stock Exchange, Melbourne, unless previously released.
By order of the Board.
FRANK G. HICKEY, Manager.
31 Queen-street, Melbourne, 24th February, 1903.

BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY, LIMITED.
NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.
NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND (the 40th) of SIXPENCE per share has been declared, due and payable at the registered office of the Company, 47 Queen-street, Melbourne, at the Company's Office at Broken Hill, and at the London Office, on Wednesday, 1st April, 1903.
Transfer Books close on Friday, 20th March, 1903, at 3 o'clock p.m.
By order of the Board,
THOS. ROLLASON, Secretary.
47 Queen-street, Melbourne, 2nd March, 1903.

COPE'S CREEK DREDGING CO., No Liability.
A DIVIDEND of 2s 6d per Share (the Fourth), being the last payment to be made on the Preference Shares in the Company, which after this payment will, in terms of the Rules of the Company, rank as Ordinary Shares only, has been declared, payable at the Company's Office, No. 103 Pitt-street, Sydney, on and after MONDAY, 30th March, 1903.
By order of the Board.
R. VERNON SADDINGTON, Manager.
Sydney, 18th March, 1903.
The TRANSFER REGISTER (Preference Shares) will be CLOSED from 20th March to 30th March, 1903, inclusive.

AUCTION SALES.
(Continued from page 8.)

INGLIS AND SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m., Drays, Vans, Springcarts, Horses and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipdrays, Horses and Harness.
And at 11.30 a.m.,
Horses and Vehicles of every description.
Specially advertised. Tel., 1831.

PAIR of 14.1 PONIES, good movers, splendid trotters, better pole ponies in or about Sydney; double-seated Buckboard Buggy, with brake and lamps, equal to new; and new set of double Harness; making one of the best turnouts offered for some time.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. T. R. Smith, Penrith, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
The above.
HOODED DOUBLE-SEATED BUGGY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mrs. G. Tucker to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
D.S. Cutunder Buggy, with new hood.
NEAT SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Chestnut Mare, 6 yrs., 15.2, by a son of San Jose Patchen, a good mover in harness, tram trial; also Sulky and Harness.
RELIABLE S. AND H. HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. C. W. Poe to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Bay Gelding, in splendid condition, thoroughly quiet and reliable in saddle and harness, lady can ride or drive him, and used to trams.
THOROUGHBRED PONY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. H. L. Tapper to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Black Pony Mare, 14.2, by Trident from Qual. Full particulars at sale.
SADDLE AND HARNESS MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Chestnut Mare, 14.3, thickly set, broken to saddle and harness, safe near trams, being sold as owner has no further use for her.
TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW (Friday), at 12 o'clock,
BRAZEN LAD, brown gelding, by Brazen Nose from Queen of Hearts. Full pedigree and performances at sale.
LIGHT HORSES AND DRAUGHT HORSES, FROM HELENSBURGH.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. C. James, Helensburgh, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Superior light Horse, 3 medium and 1 extra heavy Draught Gelding, all staunch, and subject to trial.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11 sharp,
On account of Messrs. T. Briggs, M'Intosh Bros., D. Butler, and other owners.
60 First-class MILCH COWS, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.
8 SUP. MILCH COWS and 7 CHOICE HEIFERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. G. Deaf, Penrith, to sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m.,
8 First-class Cows, in full milk, all sound and good; also 7 choice Heifers, heavy in calf.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.
CAMPERDOWN SALEYARDS.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY,
at 2.30 p.m.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction as above,
On account of Mr. J. R. ATKINSON,
15 strong, upstanding light Horses, all the right ages, in good condition, suitable for all classes of harness and hackney work.
On account of Mr. ALEX. CAMPBELL, Jun., White Rock, Castle Mountain,
10 superior Horses, comprising principally well-bred saddle and harness sorts, and one or two draughts, broken in.
Among the lot is a thoroughbred mare by ZENO, by GOLDSBOROUGH.
On account of Mr. J. K. Lethbridge, St. Marys.
4 well-bred Ponies, principally 4 and 5 years old, unbroken, and by the following sires:—CAMBRIA, LUCIFER, and COMMISSIONER.
On account of Mr. JAS. EKIN, St. Marys.
Roan Mare, broken to s. and h., filly foal at foot by Perfection; Brown Pony Mare, broken to s. and h., colt foal at foot by Perfection; Cream Filly, a handsome and good sort, colt foal at foot; also 3 other Colts and Fillies, 4 years old, unbroken, being sold on account of Mr. Ekin having left his property.
On account of owner.
2 staunch Draught Horses, work in lead or shafts.
On account of Mr. A. Anderson, Appin.
2 Draught Geldings, splendid workers.

To Stationers, Fancy Goods Buyers, Dealers, and Others.
THIS DAY, Thursday, March 19, at 10.30 sharp.
Totally UNRESERVED SALE of STATIONERY, Fancy Goods, Toys, Account Books, Novels, Inks, Pictures, &c. In Trade Lines.

H. LEVY has received instructions to sell by auction, at the rear of 131 George-street West,
A large, varied, and well-assorted stock.
Totally Unreserved. Trade Buyers Attend.

PRODUCE SALES.
SALES BY AUCTION will be held TO-DAY by the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co., Ltd.; John Bridge and Co., Ltd.; Dalgety and Co., Ltd.; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd.; Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.; Hill, Clark, and Co.; Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd.; Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., as under:—
HAIR, HORNS, and SUNDRIES.—At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, at 10 a.m.
TALLOW.—At 2.30 p.m.

THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN and MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., Ltd., will sell by public auction, at the Royal Exchange, Bridge-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 10 a.m.,
Hair, Horns, and Bones.

PITT, SON and BADGERY will sell, THIS DAY, at the Wool Saleroom, Macquarie-place, at 10.30,
Hair, Horns, and Bones.
And at 2 o'clock, Sheepskins.

BEING Removed to our Mart for Convenience of Sale.
THIS DAY, at 11. Superior Household FURNITURE and Appointments. Piano, Bedroom Suite, Sideboard, Tables, Chairs, Diningroom Suite, Bedsteads, &c. Also, 5 Chests of good Tea.—N. R. MAY will sell, as above, at 4 George-street West. Without Any Reserve.

THIS DAY, at 2.30, at 692 Crown-street, city, near Cleveland-street.—Household Furniture and Effects, comprising Brass-mounted Iron Bedsteads, Bedding, Chests Drawers, Combination, Washstands and Ware, Austrian Chairs, Tables, Couches, Mirrors, Clock, Chiffonier, Glassware, Cutlery, &c., &c., &c.
MITCHELL and CRANSTON will sell as above. No Reserve.

POULTRY, DOGS, &c.

TWO Incubators, 200-egg each, bargain, seen working. Cole's boot shop, Marrickville-rd., op. St. Clement's.

FOR SALE, St. Bernard DOG. Adam Cocker, opposite Emily-st., Enmore-rd., Marrickville.

FOR Sale, bargain, St. Bernard Dog and House, 35s. Not later than Friday evening. 35 Union-st., Padd.

FOR Sale, Mt. St. Bernard Dog, splendid watch, owner leavg. Jas. Buggy, Eve-st., off L'pool-rd., Strathfield.

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A PRACTICAL TRAINING for BUSINESS LIFE at Stott and Hoare's Business College, Moore-st.

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CHATSWOOD.—Dawson Heights Est. Torrens Title. On the Ground, SAT. NEXT. R. and W., Ltd.

"THE ROCKS."

PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION.

WORK OF THE ADVISORY BOARD.

THE PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS.

INACTION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Twenty-two months ago the City Improvement Advisory Board was appointed to assist the Government in reconstructing the Rocks resumption area, which had been resumed by Sir William Lyne's Administration. Yesterday the members — Messrs. Varney Parkes (chairman), F. A. Franklin, and John Barlow—held what will probably be their last formal meeting, and began to put their affairs in order so as to hand over their work to the Harbour Trust, which the Government has decided is in future to manage matters formerly entrusted to the board. What the advisory board has accomplished during its term of office could only be properly described and understood by those skilled in the technicalities of engineering. Its principal work has been in connection with the Rocks resumed area, a piece of land something like 48 acres in extent, consisting of a congeries of narrow crooked lanes and a larger proportion of undesirable houses than is to be found in any other part of the city. The board had to make plans for the complete reconstruction of that area. To do that it had to provide for innumerable surveys, for hundreds of borings to determine the strata of rock, and for an enormous amount of plan-drafting. Plans showing the whole of the work in the most exhaustive detail have been prepared, and as a consequence a start could be made at the reconstruction of the streets at any spot, and at any time. So far as is humanly possible nothing has been overlooked. Provision has been made for every requirement in a model city. The forming and ballasting of roads, the drainage, the construction of tunnels to carry gas, water, electric light, and other services, and other details have been carefully thought out and provided for. In addition to the plans that have been prepared there has been made a plaster model of the area as it was when resumed. The model shows every street and building to scale. Another model shows the area as it will be when laid out according to the approved designs. In a word, everything has been carried to that state of preparedness that the work of reconstruction could be started without appreciable delay.

THE PLAN OF RECONSTRUCTION.

The accompanying map gives some idea of the plan of reconstruction recommended by the advisory board. It is necessary that the reader should understand that the lanes and alleys which at present intersect the area, shown in the map by dotted lines, run hither and thither in complete disorder. One street leads into another by flights of steps or by steep inclines of 1 in 10. Some held up by retaining walls run along the edges of precipices. All are crooked and narrow, many leading nowhere. The board set itself to devise a plan that would make new wide streets practicable to vehicular traffic both longitudinally and transversely. This meant cutting down and filling up so as to reduce the gradients to 1 in 23, which is the same as the eastern end of Moore-street. Roughly speaking, the Rocks resumption area is bounded by Grosvenor-street, George-street, the wharf resumption area, and Kent-street. The board took Grosvenor-street as a base. This is a very steep street, but it is to be widened and straightened, and the grade is to be cut down to about 1 in 23. The straightening of George-street was regarded by the Government as too costly to be undertaken, and the board therefore proposes that it be widened only, the western side being aligned to accommodate the crooked eastern side. By the removal of the old naval buildings near Circular Quay, George-street will be carried as a wide thoroughfare down to the water, adding much to the spaciousness and beauty of the approaches to the Quay. Three broad new streets will traverse the area longitudinally. Princes-street, the more westerly, forms an obtuse angle with Clarence-street, of which it is practically a continuation. The western frontages skirt Fort-street School and the Observatory. Provision is made at the rear of these frontages for a double track of railway curving slightly at the northern end to reach Dawes Point and cross the proposed North Shore bridge. Princes-street is to be 80ft. wide, and will accommodate a double line of tramway, also crossing the bridge. New Cumberland-street (a continuation of York-street) and New Harrington-street, a continuation of Wynyard-street, run parallel to Princes-street, both being 70ft. wide and of easy gradients. New Cumberland-street will be something over 2000ft. in length. To improve access to it from George-street a "ramp" road will be made, rising from Argyle-street. Like New Harrington-street, it will cross Argyle-street over graceful bridges, the historic "cut" below being widened and improved. Both streets will lead to the wharfage frontages at George-street North. The transverse streets will be Essex-street, New-street, and Argyle-street. The two first-named will rise to the level of the longitudinal streets; Argyle-street, as already mentioned, will go below them, and will come out at Lower Fort-street. Provision is made for a tunnel to connect George-street with the Darling Harbour side, and another to go under Dawes Point, connecting a road at the rear of the electric-lighting station with the Miller's Point wharfage frontages.

THE COST AND THE GAIN.

The cost of resuming the "Rocks" area will be, including legal expenses, about £1,100,000. The cost of reconstruction on the plans shown has been estimated as follows:—

Excavation	£146,172
Filling	8,070
Retaining walls	22,000
Wood blocking	61,642
Macadam roads	12,088
Tarred metals	7,037
Footways	17,727
Bridges	24,500
Subways for sewers &c.	24,000
Tenement Buildings.—	
Windmill-street	120,000
Kent-street	60,000
Total	£503,236

Including compensation to owners the total cost is therefore estimated at £1,603,236.

One of the items in the estimates requires some explanation. There is a considerable population of waterside workers who must live near the wharfs. They number about 500 families. These people could not be turned out altogether, and it is proposed to build two large blocks of tenement houses in Windmill-street and Kent-street to accommodate them. The buildings have been designed on the most approved plan, and it is claimed that they will pay 5 per cent. on the outlay. Indeed, the site is regarded as so desirable that members of the board strongly hold the opinion that comparatively well-to-do people would be willing to live there as tenants.

The board has stated that the work of reconstruction could be carried on conveniently at a cost of £50,000 per annum. If a start were made at Grosvenor-street, the improved area could be sold as it became available, thus recouping the State for the money spent in acquiring it.

In making valuations of the amount that would probably be received for the land, the board has assumed that the freehold would not be parted with, but that 50 years' leases only would be sold. The original frontages totalled 23,000ft. The frontage available for sale will be about 17,000ft. The return expected from the sale of the different frontages is estimated as follows:—

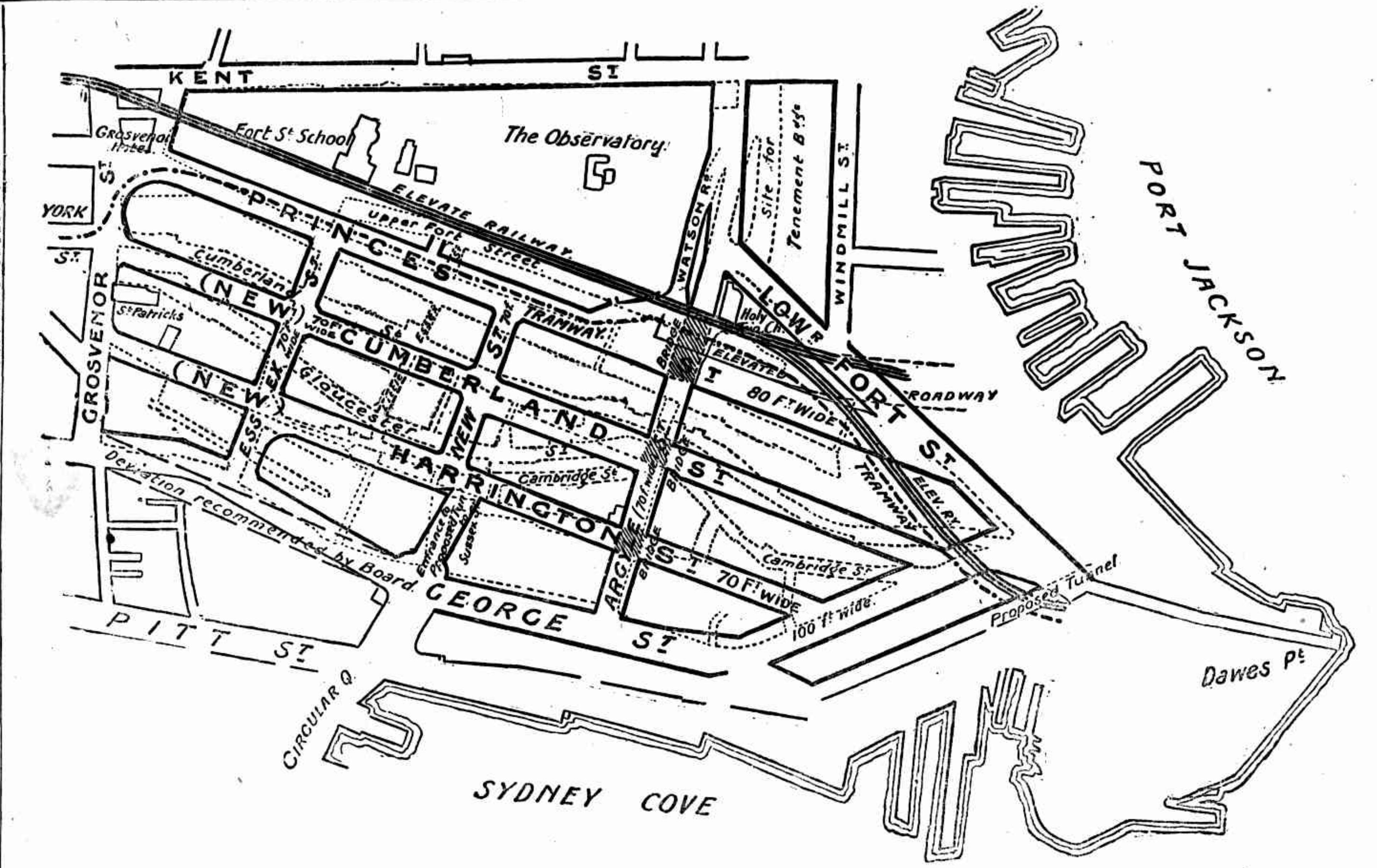
George-street	£471,500
Harrington-street	282,075
Cumberland-street	377,092
Princes-street	320,970
Kent-street (one side only)	93,210
Windmill-street	35,000
Argyle-street	46,350
Total	£1,626,197

The whole of the land with the improvements would of course revert to the State at the end of 50 years.

Other advantages are claimed for the proposed work. It will get rid of undesirable buildings and their objectionable tenants and result in an improvement in the sanitation of a large part of the city. By providing practicable roads to the wharfs it will relieve much of congestion of traffic in George-street,—more especially near the General Post Office, where York-street and Clarence-street enter the centre of the city. It will give room for the expansion of the wholesale trade in York-street and the neighbourhood. Finally, it will allow the extension of the railway across the proposed North Shore bridge without additional expense.

INACTION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

It is difficult indeed to understand why the Government has not even started the scheme of reconstruction. Up to the present £11,000 has been spent in demolishing a number of tenements and in improving others. About 300 people have been displaced from their homes, and they have found accommodation elsewhere with much difficulty. Judging by the fact that the Government has lately renewed the leases of a number of business places for terms of six or seven years, it would seem that no reconstructive work is contemplated, and that a succeeding Government, if it wishes to do anything, will find difficulties in the way. To proposals that the work should be commenced either at the base of the area, or in the worst part of its centre, the Government has turned a deaf ear. It is estimated that a comparatively small annual expenditure would carry on the reconstruction of the area and return the purchase money in half a dozen years, but the Government will not sanction the expenditure. Nearly two years ago Sir John See said he would introduce a necessary bill in Parliament, but that bill remains undone. No effort seems to have been made to get rid of the undesirable tenants, and many complaints have been made on this score, with no result. It was suggested that in cases where disputes had arisen as to the value of the goodwill of business properties resumed the Advisory Board should replace the building without disturbing the tenant, in accordance with the general plan, but this also failed to meet with the approval of the Government. A half promise was made that the proposal to build tenement houses, plans and models of which were prepared by the board, would be submitted to the Public Works Committee for approval. This was not done. Meanwhile, the Treasurer is collecting the rents at a considerable annual cost. Evidently the finances will not permit of any money being spent in permanent work. Whether this be so or not the Advisory Board emphatically states that the only cure for the present state of affairs is to go on with the work of reconstruction. It is too late now, the members argue, to discuss whether the resumption originally was a politic step to take—the interests of the country demand that the best should be made of the position as it exists to-day.



THE BOARD'S SCHEME OF RECONSTRUCTION.

AMUSEMENTS.

MISS LUCAS-REEVE'S CONCERT.

Miss Adeline Lucas-Reeve, a mezzo-soprano, who has not been heard in public for some time, made her rentree at the Y.M.C.A. Hall last night in order to take farewell of her friends before embarking upon a prolonged holiday trip to England. Miss Lucas-Reeve, who had the advantage of helpful accompaniments by Mr. W. Burns-Walker, possesses a big mezzo-soprano voice, rather difficult to manage, as is almost invariably the case in such circumstances. Her first essay, the grand aria "Involuntaria Vittima," from "I Promessi Sposi," suited her as well as anything on the programme, as her strong points are a dramatic attack and a resonant upper register. The young singer is by no means apt at the softer emotions, however, so that Mattei's "Leave Me Not" had the effect rather of an imperious command than of a tender entreaty. This song was an encore after Grieg's "I Love Thee," grouped with Beethoven's "Creation Hymn," and there was further enthusiasm after the Flower Song from "Faust," to which the singer responded by the addition of Allitsen's "Song of Thanksgiving." Miss Lucas-Reeve appropriately closed her list of contributions with Tosti's "Goodbye." Miss Edith O. King, a singer who will be much missed upon her retirement to Brisbane, rendered "Sognai" admirably, with "Winds in the Trees" as encore. Mr. C. Montagu Chapman was encored for "Absent, Yet Present," when the young basso's addition of Tosti's "Tell Them" reintroduced him in love music, which he rendered with the right effect of vocal reserve. Miss Ruby Bracegirdle's best contribution was Rubinstein's "Staccato Study," for which she was warmly applauded. Herr Gerard Vollmar's playing formed by far the best feature in the whole programme. The Dutch 'cellist, who was in splendid cue, exhibited a large, mellow, and expressive tone in Bargiel's "Adagio," a noble piece of music which he rendered with elevation of style. Miss Lilian Frost accompanied with skill.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

As already noted, the Sydney Philharmonic Society will open their season at the Town Hall this evening with "The Creation." Signor Hazon will direct the united forces in this beautiful oratorio, in which Miss Edith O. King, Mr. Crabtree, and Mr. Reginald Goond will be the soloists.

THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.

CHEAP RAILWAY EXCURSIONS

The Railway Commissioners announce that a series of special cheap excursion trains will run to and from the country, commencing on March 30. The excursions from the provinces will permit of the residents visiting the metropolis in ample time for the Royal Agricultural Society's Show, in addition to other attractions, such as the Autumn Meeting of the A.J.C., &c. The excursions from Sydney will also give an opportunity for a trip into the country during the Easter vacation. The fares by these trains will be at the low rate of 1½d per mile first-class return (minimum 7s 6d), and 1d per mile second-class return (minimum 5s); as, for instance, the second-class return fare from Bourke will be 41s 11d, Wellington 20s 8d, Bathurst 12s 1d, Albury 32s 3d, Cooma 22s 1d, Jennings 40s 10d, Armidale 29s 10d, Nowra 7s 8d, and other stations at proportionately low rates. The excursions from the country will be run as under:—

From the Northern line and branches:—From stations Tamworth to Woy Woy, and from Moree to Edgeroi, inclusive, on Tuesday, March 31. From Jennings to Terrible Vale, Inverell to Mungie Bundie, and Narrabri to Gap, inclusive, and from stations on the Manilla line on Wednesday, April 1.

From the Western Line and Branches: From stations Bourke to Minore inclusive, and from the Brewarrina, Cobar, and Warren lines on Wednesday, April 1; from stations Dubbo to Lawson inclusive, and from Springwood, also from the Coonamble, Forbes, Condobolin, Blayney-Cowra, and Grenfell branches on Thursday, April 2; from the Mudgee line on Friday, April 3.

From the Southern Line and Branches: From all stations (except Crookwell, Hay, Finley, Corowa, and Lockhart branches) on Friday, April 3; from Crookwell branch Wednesday, April 1; from Corowa, Lockhart, Hay, Finley, and Grenfell branches on Saturday, April 4.

From the South Coast line: From stations Nowra to Bulli on Wednesday, April 8.

Similar cheap trains at the same low fares will leave Sydney for the Northern line and branches on Monday, March 30.

To the Western Line: To mail line stations beyond Wallerawang, and to the Blayney-Cowra, Forbes, Grenfell, Warren, Cobar, and Brewarrina branch lines on Monday, March 30. To stations on the Coonamble and Condobolin lines on Tuesday, March 31. To stations as far as Wallerawang, inclusive, and to the Mudgee line on Thursday, April 2.

To the Southern line and Branches: To the Crookwell branch on Wednesday, April 1; to main line stations, Douglas Park to Albury, and to the Cooma, Harden-Cowra, Gundagai, Temora, Hay, Finley, and Germanton lines on Thursday, April 2; to stations on the Koorawatha-Grenfell, Lockhart, and Corowa branch lines on Friday, April 3.

Tickets at the above rates will also be issued from one country station to another on the respective lines with a minimum of 7s 6d first-class and 5s second-class.

CHEAP LIVING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Sir William Lyne stated at Redfern that living was as cheap now as before the Commonwealth tariff.

If there was not a duty of £2 10s per ton on flour what would be the price of bread?

Perhaps in his next address he might answer.

March 17. I am, &c., H. PATESON.

The committee elected at a public meeting held this month to frame a constitution for the Woman's A.N.A. met at the School of Arts, Pitt-street, Mrs. Robert Farrell being in the chair. It was decided to adopt the rules which govern the Woman's A.N.A. in Victoria. A letter was received from Lady See, also Lady Lyne, in reply to communications from the lady president (Mrs. Farrell), intimating that they would be pleased to become members.

SICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

ADDRESS BY THE PREMIER.

THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE SPEAKS.

"AN INSTITUTION WORTH SUPPORTING."

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Hospital for Sick Children, Glebe Point, was held in the Town Hall last night. The great floor and galleries were filled, and the whole place was a pleasant sight for the gathering was mainly of women and girls who were dressed in white or bright colours. The few who were there in sombre garb furnished the requisite setting for contrast. Many nurses too were present. The platform was occupied by members of the hospital board, and on the organ gallery was massed the Cleveland-street Public School Boys' Choir. Sir John See, the Premier, presided, supported by Acting Chief Justice Stephen, president of the institution. Others on the platform were Messrs. F. T. Humphery, M.L.C., the Rev. N. M. Hennessy, Dr. Clubbe, Dr. Richard Read, Messrs. W. P. Faithfull, H. C. Kent, and T. Pratt, Mesdames W. R. Campbell, H. C. Kent, and Falconer Mackenzie, and Miss Belisario. At intervals during the evening a musical programme was submitted. It began with a series of organ selections by Mr. Arnold B. Mote, B.A., including the "Triumphal March" (Archer), two of d'Eury's works, the Mascheroni Lemare "Ave Maria," and the introduction to the third act of "Lohengrin." There were two choruses by the Cleveland-street Boys' Choir, for which Mr. R. H. Kay supplied organ accompaniment, and Mr. J. Conway was the conductor. Songs by Miss Annie Perry, who was persistently encored, orchestral performances by the Central Methodist Mission Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. W. I. B. Mote, piano solos by Miss Gertrude Palmer, L.R.A.M., a song ("Sally Horner") by Mr. T. Tyndall Peterson, violin solos by Mr. Cyril Monk, and an action song ("The Ambulance Maids") by children from the Bourke-street Congregational Sunday School.

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE HOSPITAL.

In their annual report the board stated that 560 patients were admitted during the year to the general hospital, and there were 44 remaining from the previous year. Of these 394 were discharged cured, 70 relieved, 25 unrelieved, and 63 died. There were 177 admitted to the diphtheria hospital, and of them 143 were cured and 23 died. The out-patients numbered 3525, whose attendances were 15,638. Compared with the previous year there was an increase of 68 patients treated in the general hospital. The death rate was 10·4 per cent., as against 11·1 per cent. last year. In the diphtheria branch there was a decrease of 14, while the death rate was 12·02 per cent., as against 18·8 per cent in the previous year. The increase in the number of children treated at the general hospital was due to the slight additional accommodation now available, owing to the removal of the nurses' quarters to adjoining premises. Since the previous annual meeting the new out-patients' department had been erected in Valentine-street, off George-street, near the Central railway station, containing seating accommodation for 200 persons in the main waiting hall, besides consulting rooms for four honorary doctors, operating theatre, dispensary, resting rooms, nurses' rooms and caretaker's quarters. The building was officially opened by his Excellency Sir Harry Rawson on December 17, and was now in full work. The number of children treated in the more commodious and centrally situated premises during the short time they have been opened for the reception of patients showing already a very large increase. It had also been possible to carry out another scheme which was considered by the board in 1901, namely, the establishment of a convalescent home in connection with the hospital. The board of the Carrington Centennial Hospital Home for Convalescents offered to let on very favourable terms a cottage known as Grasmere, situated at Camden, and it was decided to accept the lease. The cottage had accommodation for 14 cots, and was at present in full occupation. That addition would considerably relieve the wards of the general hospital, the country air being specially suitable to certain classes of cases hitherto treated in Sydney at a disadvantage. It was felt that the Children's Hospital was under an obligation to that institution for the opportunity given by them of so materially increasing the usefulness of the Children's Hospital. During the past year many of the children leaving the hospital had again been cared for by the Walker Convalescent Hospital.

The board had been unable to take any further steps towards building a new general hospital. The land near the frontage to Park-road dedicated by the Government for the purpose being without the adjoining land unsuitable as a site, the Minister informed the representatives of the hospital that the frontage would shortly be put up for sale by public auction, subdivided in such a way as to give the hospital an opportunity of completing the desired site by purchase of the frontage to Park-road. As no progress had apparently been made in the matter, though a considerable time had elapsed, a deputation consisting of the vice-president, the Hon. F. T. Humphery, Senator Gould, Mr. H. C. Kent, and Dr. Clubbe had been appointed to wait upon Sir John See and ascertain definitely if the frontage to Park-road would be submitted to auction, and if so at what date. The necessity for a new building was pressing, the present premises being absolutely inadequate and unsuitable for the work which should be done by a children's hospital in Sydney. The new out-patients' department formed part of the movement for a new hospital, and the delay in carrying out the erection of the new general hospital for in-patients was entirely due to the difficulty of obtaining a suitable site on which to build.

The institution was again indebted for the success which had attended the work done during the year to the skill and unremitting devotion of the honorary medical staff. Dr. Herschell Harris had been appointed hon. radiographer. The other changes in the medical staff were as follows:—House surgeons, Dr. Hart and Dr. Harpur, outpatients' department; hon. assistant surgeons, Dr. R. B. Wade and Dr. Donald M'Master; hon. registrar and anaesthetist, Dr. W. H. Read; hon. dentists, Mr. Basil Jones and Mr. Harry Moxham.

Since the last annual meeting Mrs. Garran resigned the position of vice-president, but remained a member of the board. The resignation was accepted with regret and a special acknowledgment of Mrs. Garran's long service in the past. Other changes had been caused by the resignation of Mrs. Lee Lord, Miss Mitchell, Mr. Richard Teece, and Mr. W. E. Sparke. The interim appointments now requiring confirmation were the election of Lady See, Miss Margaret Harris, and Senator A. J. Gould. The following now retired, but were eligible for re-election:—Mrs. W. R. Campbell, Mrs. H. C. Kent, Mrs. Munce, Mrs. Forbes Angus, Miss Stephen, Miss Martin, Mr. R. J. Black, M.L.C., Mr. A. F. Robison, Mr. St. Vincent Welch, and Mr. W. P. Faithfull. Mr. T. F. H. MacKenzie and Mr. C. F. Digby Smith had again acted as auditors.

The Government subsidy for the year 1902 appeared exceptionally large, but the sum of £792 14s 6d due to last year was only paid on January 29 of this year, and the balance of £1729 17s 3d is the actual amount of subsidy belonging to the year under review. The usual special grant of £250 towards the diphtheria ward was duly paid. The perpetual cot endowments had been further increased during the year by an extra donation of £1000 from Mrs. John Frazer, as a Coronation commemoration gift, and a contribution from the Scandinavian citizens of Sydney, who had raised a similar amount for the endowment of a cot, to be called the Scandinavian Commonwealth Commemoration Cot. Those donations raised the perpetual cot endowment funds to £6000, which meant the perpetual endowment of six cots. Annual cot endowment subscriptions for the 12 months of £30 each had been received from Mrs. Sulman (two cots), the New South Wales Congregational Sunday School Union (two cots), Mrs. Richard Read, the "Sunday Times" (five cots for two years), the Ministering Children's League of New South Wales (two cots), Mrs. William Longworth, Miss Nellie Stewart, Strathfield Girls (one cot for three years), and Master Percy Smith (one cot for two years), making a total of 24 cots. In addition some very handsome donations had been received, notably £100 from Madame Melba; £25 2s 10d, proceeds of a fete held at Beecroft by Mrs. Melbourne Green; £20 from Mrs. Moseley's bazaar, held at Neutral Bay; £20 from a bazaar held at Ascham, Darling Point; and £10 from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brough. Legacies were limited this year to one of £100 from the estate of the Hon. T. Dalton. The Hospital Saturday Fund contribution to the Children's Hospital amounted to £400. Subscriptions, donations, &c., including the sums previously mentioned, amounted to £4645 18s 1d, an improvement on the figures of last year. Patients' payments for the year amount to £486 10s 7d, a slight falling off compared with last year. Interest on invested funds showed an appreciable increase on last year's receipts. Gifts in kind, such as toys, fruit, flowers, books, &c., had reached the hospital in more liberal supply even than last year, and showed how the interest in the institution was increasing.

The total payments under the head of general maintenance were about £300 in excess of last year, owing to the increased cost of all provisions, and the necessary extra expenses incurred in maintaining the nurses' home. An expenditure of £2190 16s had been incurred in the new outpatients' department, and as there was only £1500 for special moneys raised on that account the present debit balance of £370 2s 11d was solely attributable to that special expenditure.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT.

The Acting Chief Justice, the Hon. Mr. Justice Stephen, presented the annual report and balance-sheet for the year. He said it was his custom to abstain from taking part in proceedings when he was partly responsible for what had occurred, but it happened that the hon. secretary of this institution was ill, and the hon. treasurer had resigned, and was not present to bring forward his balance-sheet. The Acting Chief Justice proceeded to say that his simple duty was to present these documents, and he had been requested to mention the salient points in them in order to show the usefulness of the institution. The report showed that there had been 15,638 attendances on 3525 out-patients during the year. It also showed the necessity for the establishment of a convalescents' home for, in the words of an eminent physician, "the response of children to open-air treatment is more striking than in the case of adults." (Hear, hear.) The public had been expecting for some time that the authorities of the institution would erect a new building, but the project had for some time "hung fire." The Government had been good enough to grant a site, but it was not entirely suitable, and they had been hoping to purchase a place fronting on Park-road. But there had been some little difficulty about that, and a suggestion had been made that there was a large building at Randwick—the "Catherine Hayes Wing" of the institution situated in that suburb—which might be adopted to their purposes, and a sub-committee had been appointed to inspect these buildings, and to confer with the director of the Randwick institution and bring up a report to the board, which would then be able perhaps to see its way clear to carry out what was now an absolute necessity—for it was indeed an absolute necessity that they should have a new building instead of the wretched apology they had at the Glebe for an hospital. (Hear, hear.) Another matter that should be noticed was the "perpetual cot" endowments system, and the committee desired to gracefully acknowledge the donations that had been received and which were particularly referred to in the report. He would make to everyone present a specially personal application of the following lines written by Mr. A. B. Paterson:—

Has your charity been stunted? 'Neath a bushel have you hid it?
There is guidance in the Man of Galilee;
"Inasmuch as of your kindness to these little ones ye did it,
So also ye have done it unto Me."

SPEECH BY SIR JOHN SEE.

Sir John See, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, said he had been honoured in being asked to preside on the occasion, but he was not quite sure that the management of the institution had been rightly guided in asking him to take the chair, because he happened to occupy a dual position with regard to the hospital. In the first place, his sympathies were entirely with the management of the Children's Hospital, but as head of the Government he had been asked to do several things which he had been unable to do, and it was a regret to him that he had been unable to accede to the requests that had been made to him. Yet he thought he could claim that he had done something towards the establishment of a new hospital for the children of Sydney. They had not as yet done everything, but he was hopeful that ere long some satisfactory settlement would be arrived at which would prove beneficial to the little ones who were suffering so much, and who had so many claims upon the whole community. (Applause.) Some time ago the committee waited upon him and requested that a piece of land should be set apart for the purpose of building a new hospital on it, and the request was complied with, but the committee subsequently found that the site was altogether unsuitable, and although they gave him every credit for his good intentions they required a site that was more readily accessible to the patients. The people at the Glebe said they did not want the hospital there, because they regarded it as a menace to the public health, and the hospital authorities said they needed to get farther away from the city. He had observed that there was a meeting at Paddington recently, at which alarm was expressed at the possibility of the Children's Hospital being established in that neighbourhood. People in many places made similar complaints with regard to the establishment of consumptive hospitals, but they should remember that it was obligatory upon them to treat the poor and afflicted with every consideration, and he was assured on the authority of Dr. Clubbe, who was practically one of the founders of this institution—a medical man who had done as much if not more than any other man to bring it to its present position—that they would not treat any infectious cases in the new hospital which they proposed to build. (Hear, hear.) When, therefore, they had medical science to support them they could confidently ask the general public to exercise a little humanity toward the suffering, whether they were children or adults, and such a hospital should be located in the most accessible position. (Hear, hear.) He was in entire sympathy with the committee of management of the Children's Hospital, and whatever he could do on either his public or private capacity consistent with his obligations to the general public he would do in the interests of the hospital, and to advance the cause which the management had so much at heart. (Cheers.) The proposition recently made that some extensive buildings at Randwick used hitherto for the accommodation of outcast children should be utilised as a children's hospital he desired to strongly commend to the board which controlled the Randwick Asylum. Those buildings would accommodate 1000 children, and were now, he understood, occupied by only 150. If an arrangement could be made between the two bodies in this direction it would be a good thing, and would give greater facilities for carrying on the admirable work in which both were engaged almost immediately. This arrangement could only be arrived by deliberation and careful consideration, and he trusted that the residents of Randwick would not interpose or endeavour to frustrate these negotiations, which he hoped would prove successful. (Cheers.) It might not be out of place for him to say that although there were mainly claims for charities upon the Government for assistance to the sick and afflicted, for the erection of hospitals and their maintenance, and although a large sum was nowadays required for these objects, he took no exception to these claims, for it was the duty of the Government to attend to them, but he did think that, considering the number of wealthy people there were in our midst, a little more might be expected from them. He knew that some of these wealthy people were most generous, but all were not. He realised thoroughly the magnanimity of the medical men, and the tender assiduity of the nurses, and desired to express his appreciation in the strongest terms of their efforts to ameliorate the condition of the sick and suffering, for he fully recognised the good work they had done and were doing, and also the boundless work that lay before them. (Cheers.) He trusted the trustees of the Randwick institution would carefully consider the suggestion that had been made, and if the law would not permit of it being carried out he would pass an Act through Parliament to fulfil the desire of the committee of the hospital. (Continued cheering.)

A CLERGYMAN'S APPEAL.

The Rev. N. M. Hennessy (Pitt-street Congregational Church) seconded the motion. He congratulated Sydney on the magnificent gathering that night. It was a compliment to the city and the State, for which it augured well. Outside he was a stranger in a strange city, but in that hall, though he had never yet been before a Sydney public meeting, he felt quite at home. They were all bound in the bonds of fellow-workers. He was delighted to find that in this southern land the members of the medical profession were amongst the most philanthropic people in the world. Among children there was no work that touched the heart so deeply as that of tending those of them who were sick. Parents at home, and he supposed it was the same here, were reluctant to let their children go to the hospital, not because they were doubtful of the skill of the doctors, but because they feared the little ones would fret for home. But the contrary was the case, because most often children regretted when the time came for them to be taken away from the hospital. (Applause.) He asked the meeting to be practical, so that not only would the gathering be marked by profound sympathy, but by a contribution which would gladden the hearts of the children, delight the nurses, and make the medical men feel that they were working for a community that recognised their efforts to bring health back to the children. He would like the whole community to feel that the cares of the sick children were the cares of the people, and that the children's needs were for the people to supply. (Applause.)

CONCLUDING BUSINESS.

On the motion of Mr. H. C. Kent, seconded by Dr. Richard Read, the officers of the institution were re-elected. Mr. Kent expressed the regret of the board at the illness of the hon. secretary (Mr. Harold W. Fairfax).

Dr. Clubbe moved that the ladies and gentlemen named in the report as having been temporarily appointed to fill the vacancies on the board be permanently appointed. This was seconded and carried.

The Acting Chief Justice moved, Mr. F. T. Humphery, M.L.C., seconded, and it was agreed, that a vote of thanks be passed to the London and Liverpool and Globe Insurance Company for its assistance to the board in providing a meeting room during the year.

The Acting Chief Justice moved that Mr. C. Cecil Griffith, the retiring treasurer, be appointed a life member of the board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Humphery, M.L.C. Both gentlemen spoke in terms of praise of the work of the ex-treasurer, and the motion was carried.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Premier for presiding. Sir John See, in returning thanks, said the public could rest assured that all means would be taken in connection with the hospital work to prevent the spread of disease.

The remaining items on the musical programme were rendered, and the meeting ended.

IS AUSTRALIA BANKRUPT?

III.—CLIMATE AND POPULATION.

(By H. W. Wilson, in the "Daily Mail.")

The system which we have sketched—a system marked on the one hand by heedless borrowing and on the other by prodigal expenditure to maintain an artificial standard of comfort and ease—cannot last. It is not built upon solid foundations of credit and industry, and it has not yet been tested severely. By legislation the Australian States have been able to eliminate competition between man and man, but to do so they have had to pledge their future to an extent which must prove disastrous, and they have diminished the energy of their individual citizens.

There is no better indication of generally diffused prosperity than the rate of increase of the population. As a young country, with a vast area, protected by England from foreign interference, Australia ought to have grown and developed like a giant. Yet the fact is that there is practically no immigration, and that the population is advancing very slowly. It was 2,245,000 in 1881; 3,167,000 in 1890; and only 3,775,000 in 1900. Though in such a country each inhabitant is an asset, or should be one under wise administration, in Australia increase in the population is discouraged by opinion.

A STEADY AND REGULAR DECLINE.

The birth rate, which was once high, has now fallen till it is remarkably low—lower than that of many of the older European States with no room and no opportunities for expansion. It was 41·9 in the five years 1861-5, with an excess of births over deaths of 25·1. It was 39·8 in 1866-70, 37·3 in 1871-5, 36·3 in 1876-80, 35·2 in 1881-5, 34·4 in 1886-90, 31·5 in 1891-5, and in 1896-00 27·35, with an excess of births over deaths of only 14·93.

There is no mistaking the meaning to the race of this steady and regular decline. Explain it as we like, Australia has lost a power of increase represented by ten per thousand in the last 40 years, and whether or not this drop is connected with the policy of outlay on works at impossible wages, it manifests itself most clearly in that period when that policy was in some degree restricted. Thus, if borrowing were to stop to-morrow, it looks as though in that hour the population of Australia would cease to increase and multiply.

As for immigration, during the past ten years the annual average has not been more than 5000 or 6000, while in the last two or three years there has been greater loss by emigration than gain by immigration. No facilities are offered to immigrants. The foresight of the American sees in the new-comer—provided he is healthy, able-bodied, and possessed of means to tide over the cost of the first few weeks—an addition to the resources of his country. The narrow outlook of the Australian sees in the new-comer only a competitor for wages in his loan-maintained paradise.

None would complain if the Australians excluded the degenerate, criminal, feeble-bodied, diseased, and manifestly pauper; but, as a matter of fact, they exclude British citizens in good health, belonging to British trade unions, and able to maintain themselves. The most startling example of this occurred when six British workmen, who arrived at Sydney in December, 1902, were forbidden by Sir E. Barton to land, under the Alien Immigration Law, the precise provision by which they were excluded being this:—"Any person under a contract or agreement to perform manual labour within the Commonwealth (shall be forbidden to land)." The men were hatters; they were members of a trade union; they were on their way to start a new industry in New South Wales, where previously there had been no hat manufacture, and without their aid the manufacture could not be carried on. Great pressure was brought to bear, and at last, very reluctantly, the authorities permitted the men to enter this forbidden land.

TREATED LIKE CRIMINALS.

There could not be a better instance of the insanity of the policy pursued, which is killing Australia economically. Here are workers forbidden to establish a new industry; detained, too, and treated as if they were criminals from Poland instead of Englishmen of good character. As this is only typical, there is little cause for wonder that Australia contains few industries and no large manufactories, though coal and iron are abundant, and would be cheap were industry reasonably regulated.

No great industrial system is likely to develop under such conditions, and the country must rely upon its mines and its agriculture for many years to come. But now the fact has to be faced that both mines and agriculture have been hard hit by the drought, which has lasted seven years with steadily aggravating effects, and which has not ended even now. It is true that fair rains fell a month or more ago, but they have been succeeded by a heat-wave, so that the position is still uncertain.

The results of the drought have been worse felt in New South Wales and Queensland. It has not affected the other eastern colonies in the same degree, and Western Australia scarcely at all, because, some will say, Westralia is always so dry that it cannot become any drier. In New South Wales the losses have been enormous. The leader of the Opposition in the State Legislature put the decline in sheep as from 61,838,000 in 1891 to under 20,000,000 in 1902, while other estimates placed it at even more startling figures. Cattle have decreased, though not in the same degree. "For hundreds of miles in the interior," wrote an Australian in December, 1902, "not a trace of herbage is to be seen, the country being a vast expanse of sandy soil. Even the rabbits are suffering, having perished in millions." In the mines operations have had to be suspended; the crops in many cases have been lost; the wool crop has been diminutive; Sydney itself, though close to the sea, and in what is normally a well-watered area, has been threatened with water shortage.

A PARASITE STATE.

In Queensland the mails have had to stop running up country for want of water; sheep have been sold for sixpence apiece for want of any pasture, and the crops have failed. The number of sheep in Queensland showed a reduction between 1892 and 1900 of from 21,708,000 to 10,339,000, and it is certain that there has been a further heavy decline since 1900.

In the face of this calamity there is a natural outcry for relief. At the very moment when the country finds its resources diminished, its revenue sinking, its exports declining, its land going out of cultivation, and its credit impaired, the farmers and stockowners are calling—and not without reason—for help. In New South Wales advances up to £1500 are to be made to settlers; seed for sowing is to be distributed; payment of rent on Crown lands is to be suspended; and the Federal Parliament is to be asked to suspend certain of its import duties.

However right, however necessary, these measures will add to the financial embarrassments of Australia, and will end by further increasing her indebtedness. Nor will the peace of mind of the lender be increased by the reflection that these droughts now recur so regularly that they seem to point to some permanent deterioration of the Australian climate—due, it may be, to the destruction of forests—and to the possibility that it will not be found profitable to utilise large areas which hitherto have been regarded as adapted for settlement. In that case the help given will be so much money thrown away.

So onerous is the burden of debt becoming that already the first ominous mutterings of the word "repudiation"—a word with which the British creditors of the American States in the days of Sydney Smith were so painfully familiar—are beginning to be heard. The socialists of Sydney are advocating the policy of "running a pen slick through" the State's undertakings.

Side by side with repudiation, the creation of free universities, with free books provided by the State to study—we will hope economics—"free" everything, in fact, for everybody, is advocated by these strange fanatics. Nor can they be dismissed with contempt. They have at every turn swayed the policy of Australia in the past, and they seem now to be steering her to not distant or uncertain ruin in the future. It is to be feared that they have produced a parasite State when they imagined that they were providing an example for mankind.

DINNER TO SIR JOSEPH WARD, K.C.M.G.

We are informed that Sir Joseph Ward, K.C.M.G., Colonial Secretary and Minister for Railways in the New Zealand Government, was yesterday entertained at dinner by Sir John See. The function took place at the Premier's offices. A report of the speeches delivered during the function has been furnished to us by the Premier's private secretary.

Sir John See, in proposing the toast of "Our Guest, Sir Joseph Ward," said that the duty was a most pleasurable one. He did not wish the function to be regarded as a formal affair. It was tendered merely to show the appreciation of the Government and people of New South Wales of Sir Joseph Ward's many good qualities, and to emphasise the good feeling entertained by the people of this State towards those of the colony with which Sir Joseph had been so long and so intimately associated. New South Wales sent many visitors to New Zealand, and his experience was that all returned bearing testimony to the excellent treatment extended to them, and to the splendid efforts made to set forth to the best advantage the attractions of the colony. It appeared to him to be a most important duty for public men to do all they possibly could to bring into closer union the interests of the people of Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific generally. The tighter the bonds of fellowship were brought the greater would be the satisfaction gained for the present, and the stronger would be the assurance in the future in regard to our position as a people. New South Wales, as everybody was aware, had recently gone through some severe trials. She had experienced an unprecedented drought, and had suffered great losses of stock and harvest. It did seem to him to be cruel conduct on the part of those who belonged to us, and yet devoted their best efforts towards bringing our trials into great prominence. The man who belittled the credit of the country, and accentuated our difficulties in times like the present, with the object of making political capital, was no true friend of the people of the country, or of the Empire. He believed New South Wales, with all its marvellous resources, agricultural, mining, and pastoral, combined with the indomitable pluck of its people, would be easily equal to all its obligations. Some people had referred to the policy of the present Ministry as extravagant, and some as reckless, but his experience was that men out of office were expert at finding fault. He had been charged recently with making some reference to his worldly position, and with using belittling remarks in that connection towards others. He had never made any such statement during his career, and the man who made the assertion was uttering a gross slander. The assistance which Sir Joseph Ward had rendered towards the consummation of the Pacific cable was a most important and far-reaching work.

Sir Joseph Ward, in the course of his reply, said a movement had recently commenced in Great Britain towards preserving the greater portion of British trade within the Empire, and there was little doubt that retaliatory measures as regards foreign countries would possibly soon be required. The question of the Empire's trade was a growing one. In his opinion the war of the future would be a commercial war. He hoped that any changes of control of the Pacific islands would be in the direction of making them self-governing lands like the Australian States and New Zealand. He was most anxious to see the islands preserved to the British flag. He had no desire to witness anything like a repetition of the Samoan difficulty so close to the borders of Australia and New Zealand. Referring to recent attacks upon the stability of the colonies in the London press, he confessed that it was hard for him to understand why such statements should be given support and encouragement where the interests were so vitally concerned.

Sir Edmund Barton, in proposing the toast of "The Chairman" (Sir John See), said a great deal had been heard of late in condemnation of this party and that, but his experience was that the party which resorted to abuse had to find some reason for the position in which it found itself, and generally did this by throwing a brick at the opposite party. Referring to the tendency of legislation in Australasia and Canada, he differed from those people who asserted that it was rapidly becoming socialistic. Certainly, in some instances, we had been in advance of Great Britain, but our example had been soon followed. For the recent attacks upon the credit of Australia he was unable to find any justification. He rather thought that if the persons who had taken to themselves the role of critics had proper evidence of the heroic efforts of the settlers against prevailing climatic conditions, and the wonderful recuperative powers of the country, the attacks would never have been made. He was fully alive to the difficulties encountered by the Premier of New South Wales, and was able to sympathise with him, having experienced similar trials in his position of Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, in consequence of the calamity which had fallen upon the country. Many expectations formed under federation would have been realised ere now, but had been deferred on account of the prevailing conditions. The Federal Government, as all knew, had many charges laid at its door, the only reason for doing so being that it had not brought rain from heaven. He could not take a pessimistic view, like some people, of the country in which he was born, the people of which had on many occasions shown ability to surmount troubles and obstacles to progress of varied kinds. While taking no party view of politics in New South Wales, he held the decided opinion that the present was a time for self-denial, a time in which all parties should unite for the purpose of upholding the credit of the State against the attacks that had been made upon it, in common with that of others. He was gratified to meet Sir Joseph Ward, who came to them as a representative man of a prosperous and progressive country. He (Sir Edmund Barton) had not seen New Zealand yet, but hoped before long to have an opportunity of doing so, if possible in the company of Sir John See. It was probable, however, that both he and Sir John would have to experience a general election before that time arrived. Referring to St. Patrick's Day, he felt quite convinced that what the Government did was, in their opinion, the best action in the public interest, and that the question of religion had not entered their thoughts for one moment. With regard to the islands of the Pacific he echoed the sentiments of Sir Joseph Ward, and believed that the future of those islands lay entirely with those who exercised authority at this end of the world. Troubles like the recent Samoan difficulty would not occur while his Government remained in power, or while he retained any power of resistance. The peoples of the Commonwealth and New Zealand had an enormous responsibility in these seas. They must ultimately become masters of the Southern Pacific, and must be prepared to take the responsibility which that implied. With regard to the New Hebrides question he would like to say that correspondence, which must be regarded as confidential, had recently taken place, and in this matter his Government intended to jealously guard the best interests of Australia. In the matter of the navigation laws he was pleased to find that New Zealand was practically of the same opinion as the Commonwealth, namely, that foreign Powers, in shipping matters, would have to be met in the spirit in which they treated British registered ships. That was a point upon which Mr. Seddon and he agreed. Let Britain and her colonies deal with the shipping of other nations in precisely the same manner as they treated hers. Before concluding, he would like to refer to the irritation caused in some directions in the States by the action of the Commonwealth in matters of administration. Members of the Commonwealth Government desired, with him, to see the best relations existing between the Commonwealth and the States. His Government, however, had a difficult task in establishing uniform systems in the various departments of State, and fully recognised all the time that amicable relations with the States would produce the best results.

Sir John See, in replying, said the Commonwealth Government, as all knew, had received its share of trouble and condemnation, but that was the lot of all administrations, even those of the late Sir Henry Parkes and Sir John Robertson. He hoped however, that in the end the people would recognise the good work which Sir Edmund Barton and his colleagues were accomplishing under trying conditions. Since its inauguration, the Commonwealth had received more than its share of criticism.

The Drought Relief Street Collection is illustrated in the "Sydney Mail" of this week.—Advt.

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Municipal Association of New South Wales was held yesterday afternoon at the Queen Victoria Markets. There were present: Messrs. John Wheeler (chairman), Thomas Henley, G. M. M. Onslow, M. Campbell, J. G. Griffin, J. H. F. Waller, T. J. West, J. P. Treadgold, and T. J. Dickson. Correspondence was received from the Shellharbour Council inquiring if that body had power to let a recreation ground for grazing purposes. It was decided to reply that such was a common practice amongst municipal councils. The same council also asked if it was necessary to pay rent to the Government for the site of free public baths. The committee was of the opinion that it was necessary, but advised the council to apply to the authorities for a nominal charge to be made for rent. The Berry Council asked for legal opinion as to its liability for injury to a horse caused by the animal stepping over the end of a culvert. The committee considered that there was not sufficient information contained in the correspondence from the council on the subject to enable them to arrive at a decision, but expressed the opinion that a settlement would be advisable. The Willoughby Council desired to know if it would be liable if straying animals were poisoned through a mixture of arsenic being spread on the water tables for the purpose of destroying grass and weeds therein. The committee considered the practice a dangerous and reprehensible one and held that the council would be liable. The same council also desired to know if it had power to drain waterholes which were a menace to health. It was decided to reply informing the council that if it could be proved that the waterhole was a nuisance they could take proceedings against the owner of the land. The Condoblin Council asked how it should proceed if desirous of reducing the salary of a permanent officer. It was decided to reply that the only way open to the council would be to terminate the officer's services by a reasonable notice, and afterwards to make fresh arrangements. The Broken Hill Council asked that special privileges might be granted to representatives from councils in outlying districts to the association's meetings. It was ordered that a reply be sent to the effect that the constitution of the association prevented any assistance being granted from its funds, but endeavours would be made to obtain some concession from the Government. The same council also desired that legal opinion should be obtained in regard to the best means of dealing with nuisances arising from camel camps. It was stated that the nuisance was rapidly increasing. It was decided to leave the reply in the hands of the chairman and Mr. Dickson after an interview with the Board of Health on the question. The Woollahra Council asked that a Supreme Court decision should be obtained as to the power of the Government to revoke the dedication of streets in a municipality. It was resolved to reply to the effect that the association could not initiate such a case as desired. The Lismore Council asked if it was the duty or in the power of the Mayor to prevent an uncertificated bankrupt sitting as an alderman or engaging in the business of the council. The committee considered that the Mayor could not do so. It was pointed out, however, that any individual ratepayer could proceed against such a person.

MILITARY NEWS.

THE EASTER ENCAMPMENTS.

Owing to the limited amount of funds available for the Easter encampments, Brigadier-General Finn makes a strong appeal that the most stringent economy be observed in all details. The dress on the march is to be marching order, and on other occasions field-day or drill order. Khaki uniforms only are to be taken into camp. Mess dress will therefore not be required.

SOUTH AFRICAN GRATUITY.

Authority has been received by the district paymaster, Victoria Barracks, from the Imperial Army Office to pay all members of the Australian Commonwealth horse regiments who served in South Africa the special gratuity of £5 awarded under Army Order 150, 1900. Upon presentation of certificate of discharge the paymaster will, if satisfied, be in a position to pay the gratuity a few days later. Various regulations have to be complied with which prevents the quicker issue of the money. Another matter which may delay payment is the fact that no lodgment of the money has yet been received from Melbourne. Fully 50 men, who had heard that authority had been given to pay the grant, presented themselves at the barracks yesterday expecting to at once receive their money, only to meet, however, with a temporary disappointment.

SOUTH AFRICA DAY.

A "Sixth Imperial Bushman" wrote a day or two ago to the "Herald" asking whether the proposal to commemorate South Africa Day had been abandoned. From inquiries made at the Victoria Barracks our reporter ascertained that there was no likelihood of any demonstration being organised this year.

DANGER IN A COLD.

ATTACK IT AT THE START.

THE CASE OF MR. P. J. HORGAN.

(By a Sydney Reporter.)

Without going far afield the reporter lately came into contact with a very practical matter in which we are all interested. It is commented upon by Mr. Patrick John Horgan, of No. 7 Norman-street, Darlinghurst, who for the past twenty-six years has lived within a stone's throw of his present address.

"You were living in this locality when you experienced a great misfortune, I am told?" queried the newspaper man.

"That is a fact," was Mr. Horgan's brisk reply. "It was several years since I was taken ill through catching a severe cold one day, and it is really marvellous what a deal of trouble sometimes results from a simple cause. A nasty hacking cough came and shook my system terribly, besides keeping me awake when I ought to have been resting. The upshot of it was that I lost all my vitality, and never felt disposed to attend to my business as in former days. I felt so horribly drowsy that I could not brighten myself up sufficiently to be agreeable to those around me, and a languid, despondent feeling held me so tightly that I seemed to lose all pleasure in life. I desired to be left to myself, as people's talk had a confusing and irritating effect which was almost unendurable; but what concerned me most was that I was losing weight and strength daily."

"Perhaps you were not taking your usual quantity of food?"

"You have hit the right nail on the head, for I had no appetite at all. Food that had once been a luxury to me I turned from with a sense of sickness which I could not control; but I often ate something with a view of keeping up my strength, and I used to suffer for it afterwards. A heavy pain across the chest after eating a small portion was what I always got, and my stomach felt uncomfortably stuffed out besides, while between the shoulder blades there was a bearing-down pain which was most distressing. My tongue was not in its customary clean state, and my mouth had a very bitter taste; but the dreary aches in my head were more trying than I could make you understand. There was a heaviness about the eyes which dulled my sight, and for the life of me I could not interest myself in anything I tried to read. Matters had got so serious that I went to a doctor, but he could not do me any good, although I took plenty of his medicine. The weaker I got the more aches appeared in my body, about the loins particularly, so it was evident that if I did not get better shortly my life would be too wretched to endure. I could see it was disastrous to continue under the treatment I was receiving, so I looked for help in other directions, and my choice fell, as a last resource, on Clements Tonic. It was a lucky day for me, as the only ease I gained since my illness began was through the curative properties of Clements Tonic, which went to my ailing parts with such indomitable force that the evil disorders were quickly on the move. A couple of bottles of Clements Tonic put more vigour into my system than all my previous medicines put together, and if there is one thing in the world to make a sick man eat it is Clements Tonic."

"But how about digesting the food afterwards?"

"That is where Clements Tonic came in again, for it had a splendid effect on my digestive organs and relieved the stomach pains very quickly. No other medicine stopped my headaches and removed the oppression from my chest like Clements Tonic did, and for ensuring sound and refreshing sleep the same medicine cannot be equalled. All the wretched pains and aches that had bothered me for so many months were swept away, and I was greatly pleased to find that my cough had completely died out. The nauseating taste had gone from my mouth and my sight was again clear, and as my nerves had also been put into fine fettle by Clements Tonic I had no further need to use it. But if I should get ill again I will resort to the same remedy which cured me when everything else had failed, and I make these statements so that you may publish them in any manner you please."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, Patrick J. Horgan, of 7 Norman-street, Darlinghurst, in the State of New South Wales, Commonwealth of Australia, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of three folios, and consecutively numbered from one to three, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish in any way my statements, which I give voluntarily, without receiving any payment; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act, 1900.

Patrick J. Horgan

Subscribed and declared at Sydney, this twenty-sixth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and two, before me,

JNO. J. GANNON, J.P.

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Some imitate our name. Some copy our label. And some plagiarise our advertisements. In fact, we are followed in everything but in the curative properties and therapeutic value of Clements Tonic. It is palpable enough for a dunce to see through, and needs but little comment from us. Every genuine article has to face such practices. A host of base imitations always follows in the wake of every genuine article.—Advt.

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BIRTHS.

BRADLEY.—March 15, the wife of William Bradley, Beobeis, Egypt—a daughter.

KIRKLAND.—March 16, at Auburn Vale, Cudal, Mrs. James Kirkland, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

ABIGAIL—ABIGAIL.—March 4, 1903, at Christ Church, Kiama, by the Rev. G. E. Gibbes, Arthur Frederick, fourth son of Francis Abigail, of Sydney, to Alice Elizabeth, eldest daughter of William J. Abigail, of Arundell Cottage, Central Park, Kiama.

DEATHS.

BARTER.—March 18, 1903, at her residence, Linton, Ryde, Lavinia Barter, beloved wife of Samuel Barter.

FOX.—March 14, at Townsville, after a brief illness, Charles James Fox, journalist, aged 62. Requiescat in pace.

JENNINGS.—March 12, at Rose Villa, Young, N.S.W., Sophia Mary, dearly loved wife of Joseph Jennings, in her 57th year. Inserted by her sorrowing sister, I. Such. Melbourne papers please copy.

M'BRIEN.—March 18, at her residence, Church-street, Parramatta North, Mary, relict of the late Carson M'Brien, aged 96 years.

SMITH.—March 18, at her late residence, 46 Terry-street, Rozelle, Mary Ann Smith, age 54, beloved wife of Joseph William Smith, of Rozelle.

WHEELER.—March 18, at the residence of her parents, Craiglee, Madison-street, Redfern, Lilly Henrietta, beloved daughter of J. T. Wheeler, aged 1 year and 8 months.

IN MEMORIAM.

KEAPO.—In loving memory of our dear little son, Sydney George, who departed this life March 19, 1887, at Annandale, aged 1 year. Never forgotten. Inserted by his loving parents, George and Emily Keapo.

M'NEILL.—In sad but loving remembrance of my dear husband, Francis M'Neill, died March 19, 1898. At rest. Inserted by his loving wife and children.

O'CONNELL.—In loving memory of our youngest son and brother, Henry, who departed this life March 19, age 16, at his parents' residence, 103 Walker-street, Redfern. Inserted by his loving parents, brothers, and sisters, and his uncle, D. Sullivan.

PARR.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Thomas Parr, died March 19, 1902. "To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die." Inserted by his affectionate wife.

PARR.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Thomas Parr, died March 19, 1902. Inserted by his affectionate sister and brother-in-law, A. and T. Hobson.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1903.

"THE ROCKS" FIASCO.

In another page this morning we publish a map showing the proposed improvements in the Rocks resumed area, with some account of the work of the Advisory Board in connection therewith. It has to be admitted with regret that the behaviour of the Government with regard to this matter has been from first to last in the highest degree unsatisfactory. It is not necessary to recapitulate the circumstances under which the Rocks area was resumed by the Lyne Ministry, whatever the abstract merits or demerits of that step may have been, beyond the reminder that Ministers sheltered themselves behind a "round robin" of request which a majority of members of the Legislative Assembly had signed. The subsequent vote of the House relieved Ministers from any constitutional responsibility for the resumption as an act of policy, though it is not usual to find Ministries submitting to the experience of having their policies dictated by "round robin." But whatever was said or thought of the resumption at the time, there is every ground for public dissatisfaction with the Government's administration of matters connected with the resumed area in the meanwhile. Sir John See was recently reported to have expressed regret that the Government ever touched the area in question. The Ministry's action or want of action has given the public cause to share that regret. From the beginning there have been complaints of unfair treatment and delay in compensation from the owners of resumed properties. Nothing has been done in the way of improvement. It will be remembered that the plague scare was largely responsible for the hasty resumption in the first instance, and a strong argument was made of the neglected and insanitary condition of this portion of the metropolis. Then we were told of the undesirable classes of residents it harboured, the waste of what might be valuable city property sites, and the general possibilities of this city section. In all these respects the resumed area remains as bad as if not worse than it was.

Whatever repute the Rocks had as a neglected portion of the city still attaches to it. It is insanitary, unimproved, and in places infested with undesirable residents. The Government has even acquired a vested interest in maintaining this unsatisfactory condition of things. It has not only done nothing to carry out the objects of the resumptions, it has even taken steps to postpone their realisation. The leases granted to hotelkeepers within the area had seven years to run. Some of the hotels, if not all, stand in positions which will seriously interfere with that work of improvement which the Advisory Board desires to see undertaken. But these leases mean either that action in this direction must be suspended for another term of seven years, or that the right to proceed must be bought by heavy compensations. In the meantime the Government has an interest in continuing the existing state of things, and the nature of that interest is in keeping with the general hand-to-mouth policy of this Ministry. It may be shortly stated in the fact that the Treasurer is drawing an annual income of £18,000 from rents and leases—subject, of course, to the deduction of necessary payments to rent-collectors and others—which amount he is duly carrying over to the credit of current revenue. We can readily understand that this income is a matter of concern to this Government just now. But does the public think it worth the exchange? The area would in ordinary circumstances be controlled and administered by the City Council, but that reformed and active body can now do nothing. Between the two authorities, municipal and governmental, the area remains in point of fact completely tied up, and the Government is making its profit out of that circumstance, and out of the fact that its rents are now higher, for certain reasons, than would be receivable under ordinary circumstances.

The course that might have been pursued is indicated by the Advisory Board. Since it was appointed 22 months ago it has, in addition to its work in other directions, made certain suggestions to the Government respecting this area. Soon after it was constituted, in response to representations made at a first interview with the Premier, Sir John See promised the necessary legislation to allow of work being begun. Then it was promised that the project for the two tenement buildings referred to would be submitted to the Public Works Committee. Yet nothing has been done. The Government has merely collected and used all available rents. The plan of operations suggested by the Board is reasonable enough, if Ministers are in earnest, and not merely desirous of leaving the area as a difficulty to their successors. It estimates the net cost of reconstruction of the area at £300,000, which outlay might be spread over a term of six years. The 17,000ft. of frontage available for dealing with might be sold in portions on 50 years' lease as the work of resumption proceeds. This outlay would be returning itself by sales all the time, so that the Government would lose nothing, while having the two tenement houses at an estimated cost of £180,000 to the good, together with the reversion of the leases when the fifty years' term expired. It is for Ministers to explain why this course is not entered upon. The Board was ready to begin operations anywhere, and there is little doubt that as available portions are thrown open they will be eagerly taken up for warehouse and other purposes. At present there is much truth in the complaint often heard in business circles that the city offers no room to meet the demands of warehouse expansion, and the continuation of York-street would certainly be a boon. But as a matter of fact this whole area, being near the harbour frontage, offers special advantages in this direction. From whatever point of view we may look at the subject the Government has muddled away its own opportunity of justifying in the most ample manner the original policy of resumption. The Rocks area was no credit to the city when it was resumed; it is no credit now to either the city or the Government.

TRADE OF THE EMPIRE.

It is not surprising to hear of the ever recurring proposals of individuals to alter the freetrade policy of Great Britain. The frequent changes in the tariffs of foreign States, rendered necessary for the most part because the duties already in force have failed of their object, or are found to hurt some local industry or class, suddenly prejudice one or another British interest, and voice is given to the feeling in such notices of motion in the House of Commons as that of Mr. C. M'Arthur, to the effect that "The recent developments of the fiscal and commercial policy of foreign countries ousting British trade demand the serious consideration of the Government, in concert with the colonial Governments where necessary, with a view of safeguarding the trade of the Empire," or even the more drastic one for retaliatory action by Mr. James F. Hope. But sympathetic as individuals or classes may be with sufferers by hostile tariffs, the British policy for the last fifty years has been steadily opposed to the spirit of retaliation. And the reason for this is that the population of the mother country has been enormously benefited by the open-door system, and has grown in comfort and wealth more satisfactorily than that of the nations which have adopted the protective duties complained of. It would be a serious matter to change a system which has given the United Kingdom so great a financial and commercial preeminence, and a recognition of this fact is shown in the count-out which is the fate of Mr. M'Arthur's motion.

It is admitted by some that in the early part of the half-century Great Britain made great progress, but they say that latterly her trade does not expand. And if this were the fact, there would be room for the consideration of new methods, even possibly of retaliation by a war of tariffs. But there is nothing to warrant any such conclusion. If we take the three items of population, of exports of British and Irish produce, and foreign shipping tonnage they supply conclusive proof of very marked progress during the past fifteen years.

	1887.	1902.	Increase per cent.
Population	36,386,000	41,750,000	14·1
Exports of British Produce	£221,914,000	£277,649,000	25·1
Foreign shipping tons	56,170,000	70,416,000	27·1

When figures such as these are regarded, showing an increase of foreign trade nearly twice as great as that of the population, it is obvious that there is no ground for that spirit of pessimism which is abroad in some quarters, and that it would be a very serious matter to risk the disturbance of interests so great and so progressive. Experience has shown that while foreign tariffs for the moment may prejudice particular industries, the conditions under which British manufacturers work admit of adjustments, and favour extension in other quarters of the world to fully compensate for the loss. The figures we quote clearly enough show that, for the trade expands rapidly from year to year. The British manufacturer holds his own in the world's competition, and the British artisan lives in greater comfort and obtains a larger proportion of the wealth his work produces than is obtained by his Continental fellow-labourer. And the free open ports of the United Kingdom give him his food and other things cheaper than are obtainable in countries having protective tariffs. Higher wages and their greater purchasing power are advantages which ought not to be imperilled. The masses of England have nothing to gain from protective or retaliatory tariffs. And if the purchasing power of their wages were reduced as they would be reduced—as every one in New South Wales now knows how—by protective duties, it is easy enough to see that the amount of manufactured goods they would be able to buy would be lessened. It would be a serious matter for manufacturers to prejudice their own home market, estimated to be five or six times as great as the foreign. And if therein they curtail consumption by raising prices, it is easy enough to see that there is no prospect of making good the loss abroad. They might indeed charge their home producers more and sell to foreigners cheaply, as the European, Continental, and United States manufacturers do; but it is tolerably certain that they could not carry on as regular, and safe, and probably not as remunerative a business as that which they have built up under the open-door conditions. If in some instances their profits were greater from the protection it would be at the expense of the bulk of their customers in the United Kingdom. The tendency would be to create inequalities in conditions—to benefit the capitalist and to prejudice the worker; and consequently not to admit of the continuance of the growth of the nation into those happier conditions, which despite hostile tariffs, have been characteristic of the course of British life since the repeal of the Corn Laws. It would indeed be putting back the hand of the clock of civilisation were the House of Commons to accept any such resolution as that now proposed. But notwithstanding what protectionists regard as a revival of favour in their fiscal doctrine at home, the House of Commons will not accept protection.

THE TAMWORTH ELECTION.

Considerable importance is attached to the approaching bye-election at Tamworth as likely to give, if the contest be left as a fair trial of strength, some indication of the opinion held in the country of the manner in which the Ministry, "incited" by the labour party, is governing the State. The opinion of the metropolis was forcibly expressed at South Balmain, when Mr. Law, finding the labour party's condonation of the Government's flouting of the jury system too much, resigned his seat as a member of the party and sought re-election. He was returned in the teeth of the bitter opposition of the Government and the labour party, his constituents declaring by their action that they had no sympathy with the high-handed interference with the jury system of which the Government, supported by the labour party, had been guilty. There is no reason to believe that the country feels less strongly on this important matter than the metropolis feels, and, if the issue were left free and open, we should have no fear of the result. If, on the one side, there was a candidate who believed that the Government is justified in overriding the verdict of a jury, and on the other a candidate who believed that in so doing the Government struck a serious blow against one of the most important foundations of the constitution, the latter candidate would win easily in any enlightened constituency in the State. Or, to leave the Friedman case, the contest between a supporter of the Government, which by its administration of affairs has reduced the credit of the State to the lowest ebb, and an opponent of that Government, would be a foregone conclusion. Therefore it is eminently desirable that the contest should be clear and definite, leaving no doubt as to the bearing of the result when once the numbers are declared.

Unfortunately, however, such a contest is just what some people strongly deprecate. It suits the Government to have a clouded issue, and there is a danger lest the opponents of the Government should inadvertently play into their hands. So far as can be gathered, the general sense of the Tamworth constituency is strongly against the Government, an opposition which is justified by the numerous sins of omission and commission of which Ministers have been guilty. It is, however, possible that divergencies of opinion on minor points amongst men who are united in opposition to the Government may open the way by the division of votes to the defeat of the representatives of the public feeling. There is not as yet a Government candidate strictly so called in the field, possibly because the Ministry sees that to nominate and support a candidate who pins his faith to the Ministry would be directly courting defeat. But there is a labour candidate, and we shall probably find the Government actively supporting his cause. It does not matter to them that this means an admission that the Government and the labour parties are one—the former enjoying the sweets of office, and the latter its power. If by bad chance or bad management the nominee of the labour party shall be foisted upon Tamworth as its representative, we shall be told by the Government that the return is a triumph, and that the country endorses the actions of Ministers. In an ideal State the Government would nominate and support one candidate, the Opposition a second, and the labour party a third. Then let the best man win. But Ministers know better than to dare to support a candidate against the labour party. The rights of the majority of the electors of Tamworth may still be conserved if only a united front be presented. Nomination day is next Tuesday, and before that date some arrangement could surely be made for the uniting of the hopes and votes of the Liberals on one candidate. His return would then be certain. But if the People's Reform League supports one Liberal candidate, and the Liberal and Reform Association supports another, and his personal friends support a third, the result is obvious. The majority will find that they have frittered away their votes, whilst the minority will claim the return of the nominee of the labour party as a vote of confidence in the Government. No irremediable harm has been done yet, and electors may still ensure that the representative of Tamworth during the remainder of this Parliament shall be an opponent of bad government. But to ensure this result, men must be prepared for the sake of their country to surrender private prejudices for the sake of the public good.

THE HAWKESBURY COLLEGE.

There are various gratifying points to be noted in the record of the Hawkesbury Agricultural College as presented yesterday at the annual distribution of prizes to successful students. One is that of the 650 students who have passed through the college course since the institution was established twelve years ago some 75 per cent. have settled on the land and are now engaged in agricultural pursuits. This is a testimony at once to the zeal of the students and to the efficacy of the instruction afforded. An agricultural college in which young men might idle a few years and then go out to do nothing in the cities and other centres of population would in no way conduce, as the Hawkesbury College has conduced and is conducing, to the advancement of the State. But here, so far as can be seen, youths come to learn and leave qualified to practice. The methods which they have acquired by application in the college are by this means made available for the benefit of the State. It is to young men of the kind who graduate at this college that we must look for the improvement of the agricultural prospects of New South Wales. They may be no more zealous than their fathers were, and no more inclined for hard work. But they have learned principles which make their hard work and their zeal more readily productive of good results. That this involves no reflection on the agriculturists of the State is shown by the fact that it is these very agriculturists who make it a point of sending their lads if they can afford it to the college. Of the 79 New South Wales students at present at work in the college more than half are sons of farmers, who are evidently determined to take every advantage of the lessons of science as applied to agriculture. We note, too, that the college has gained such an enviable reputation that of the 101 students now in residence there are representatives of all the States in the Commonwealth except one, of New Zealand, England, India, Cape Colony, and Natal. There is indeed every reason to believe that the College is doing a good work, and that its curriculum, which wisely combines theoretical with practical teaching, will prove of great value in promoting the agricultural industry with all its important ramifications.

THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.

The record of work for the past year which the board of the Sydney Hospital for Sick Children was yesterday able to place before the public is one which must gratify all who are interested in this beneficent institution. We referred at the time to the establishment of the Convalescent Cottage Home at Camden, and commended it as a step in advance in the treatment of children, whose cure would be accelerated by the change of air and scenery. The Walker Convalescent Hospital has always done, and is still doing, what it can to help the sick children, but obviously it is better for them to have a place of their own, easy of access, beautiful in surroundings, and eminently health-giving so far as climate is concerned. We have also had occasion to refer to the erection of the new out-patients' department in the Haymarket, in a central position, where children who are affected with disease or who have been visited by accident may receive immediate relief. The general hospital at the Glebe shows an increase of patients and a satisfactory decrease in the death rate. Perhaps more satisfactory still is the record of the diphtheria branch of the hospital, where the number of patients treated during the year was 188 as compared with the previous year, and where the death rate had fallen from 18·8 in 1901 to 12·02 in 1902. This may reasonably be taken as proving two things—that diphtheria is not so prevalent now as it used to be amongst children, and that it is to a marked extent less fatal. It now remains for the governing body to secure a suitable site for the new hospital which the growing needs of the children demand. The building at the Glebe has done good work, but it is out of date now and is not nearly large enough for the accommodation of children who ought to be given a chance of their life. A site for a new hospital is being sought on Government land facing the Centennial Park, and it seems to be generally agreed by the authorities that this site would be admirably suited for the purposes of a hospital of the kind. Objections have been raised in certain quarters, but such objections would have to be very strong before they could overcome the natural desire to see sick children well housed.

Danger to Bridges.—The attention of the Minister for Works has recently been drawn to the fact that the stability of some of the bridges across our inland streams will be seriously endangered in case of floods by the accumulation of a large quantity of fallen timber in the watercourses. In a measure, the drought is, he says, responsible for this accumulation of timber, inasmuch as trees have been felled in a great number of cases to provide sustenance for starving stock. Instead of burning off or removing them the practice has grown up of owners of land adjoining a water-course allowing fallen trees, debris, &c., to fall into such water-course. This, says Mr. O'Sullivan, constitutes a breach of the regulations under the Water Rights Act, involving liability to prosecution and fine, and having regard to the necessity of safeguarding the bridges from this threatened danger, it is the intention of the Minister to enforce the provisions of the Act.

The City Improvement Advisory Board.—The members of the City Improvement Advisory Board will hand over their plans, records, &c., to the Harbour Trust this week. Among the "effects" of the board are several exhibits which it would be a pity to see consigned to the lumber-room of the Works Department. These are two models of the "Rocks" area, done in plaster of paris and true to scale—one showing the area with all its imperfections, and the other the property as it will be if reconstructed on the plans prepared by the board. A cardboard model of the proposed tenement buildings, also made to scale, is another interesting work. The members of the board—Messrs. Varney Parkes, F. A. Franklin, and J. Barlow—will possibly formally relinquish their positions at the end of the month. Mr. Stephen Mills, the engineer and secretary, whose services are highly spoken of by the members, will, it is expected, be found other employment by the Public Works Department.

Municipal Election Disputes.—A matter of more than ordinary interest to municipal councils was considered yesterday afternoon by the committee of the Municipal Association of New South Wales at its monthly meeting. Recently the State Premier (Sir John See) received a communication from the Bankstown Council drawing his attention to what was considered to be an omission in the new Municipalities Bill, in regard to the absence of some provision for dealing with municipal election disputes. It was urged by the council that before any proceedings should be allowed to be taken the facts should be laid before the Crown Solicitor or some such legal authority, and that a board should be appointed to deal with such disputes, instead of the present system of ousting by the Supreme Court. The matter was referred by the Chief Secretary to the Municipal Association, asking for an expression of opinion regarding the proposals. After a deal of discussion, during which it was stated that the importance of the matters at issue were too great altogether for any board to deal with, it was decided to inform the Premier that the proposal did not meet with the committee's approval, and that the committee was of opinion that such matters should be brought under the jurisdiction of the District Court, instead of the Supreme Court as at present.

Inspector of Conditional Purchases.—A correspondent writing from Narrabri, directs attention to the fact that owing to the transfer to the Forest Branch of the Lands Department of the officer whose duty was solely confined to the inspection of conditional purchase areas, this work of inspection has for the past six months been performed by an officer connected with the administration of the Stock and Rabbit Act. It is stated that the absence of a permanent officer entrusted solely with the task of dealing with conditional purchase areas has led to the work of that branch of the Lands Department falling into arrear. The Under-Secretary for Lands when questioned on the subject yesterday stated that the department had just concluded arrangements to appoint a permanent inspector, who will devote the whole of his attention to conditional purchase areas.

Befogging Jurors.—To ordinary laymen who attend the Supreme Court from motives either of business, interest, or curiosity, it has long proved a source of wonder why counsel prepare a jury for the reception of facts to be submitted to them, by reading the formal pleadings. Even in the simplest cases these documents are couched in legal jargon which, however intelligible to a lawyer, leads to much confusion in the mind of the ordinary layman. The practice, too, is quite superfluous, seeing that the dispute between the litigants is explained immediately afterwards by counsel in a more or less lucid manner, and if the latter, so much the worse for the unfortunate jurymen who are sworn to "well and truly try the issues in this cause, and a true verdict give according to the evidence." Senior counsel have more than once recognised the absurdity of adhering to this ancient procedure, and yesterday Mr. Pilcher, after his junior had, with due emphasis, read a long declaration and pleas in answer thereto, said he did not suppose that the jurors had derived much information from what they had just heard, but the pleadings were generally read; and it is rather significant that the learned King's Counsel added, "I don't know why."

Heavy Claim for Compensation.—His Honor Mr. Justice Pring, sitting in No. 2 Jury Court yesterday, had before him a case which is of a character as unusual as it is interesting. The plaintiffs are the Pacific Co-operative Steam Coal Company, Limited, who hold the lease of certain coal measures at Teralba. With the view of carrying out some grade improvements in the Great Northern Railway line in this neighbourhood, the Government resumed about 88 acres of this land, and notified the plaintiffs that they must not proceed with certain proposed mining operations under the surface of the resumed area, and also intimated that they were willing to pay the sum of £2000 as compensation for any loss or damage the plaintiffs might have sustained through the resumption. This offer was declined, and in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1900 the matters in dispute were referred to arbitration. The plaintiffs claimed £25,000. The arbitrators awarded the plaintiffs £18,450, and this sum the Railway Commissioners refused to pay, and decided to ask that the amount of compensation should be decided by a jury. In consequence this action is now brought, and plaintiffs claim £60,000. The case will last several days.

An Interesting Mercantile Case.—An action which presents some features of general interest was commenced yesterday before Mr. Justice Owen and a jury of four, in No. 1 Jury Court, and it is not yet concluded. The plaintiffs are the Commonwealth Portland Cement Company, Limited, and they are suing Messrs. Weber, Lohmann, and Co., Limited, agents of the Norddeutscher Lloyd Shipping Company, to recover compensation from the defendants for alleged negligence on their part in regard to passing entries for certain machinery and other goods consigned to plaintiffs per steamer Karlsruhe. The case for the plaintiffs is that the defendants in 1901 agreed to handle and deliver the goods on arrival and pass the necessary entries under the local Customs Act. The Karlsruhe arrived on Sunday, October 6, of that year, and as the following Monday was a holiday no entries could be passed on that day; but what plaintiffs complain of is that owing to the absence of reasonable diligence on the part of defendants the entries were not passed until after the resolution and schedule as to the federal tariff had been adopted, the result being that plaintiffs had to pay duty amounting to £990, for which they would not have been liable under the State Customs Act. Defendants deny that there was any want of expedition on their part in the matter, and aver that they strictly carried out the terms of the agreement. As, to quote the remark of counsel in opening the case, "it involves two or three nice questions of law" the dispute must eventually be settled by the Full Court.

Trades-Unionists in Court.—Some of the now historical six felt hatters were in the Equity Court yesterday in connection with a dispute between certain members of the Felt Hatters' Union. The union is not registered under the Arbitration Act, but their members resident in Sydney are all occupied at what is known as Anderson's factory. About December last one of the number came under the criticism of his fellow-workers at a union meeting, and he was called upon to apologise, or pay a fine of £1, for something he was alleged to have done contrary to the rules of the union. He did not either pay or apologise, and certain officials of the union saw the manager and demanded his discharge. Ultimately the man was discharged, and he now asks the Court to restrain certain members of the union from inducing the manager not to employ him and to give him damages against them. In the course of the case the Judge said a worker might legally decline to work with another man because the colour of such man's hair might annoy him, but he doubted whether a worker might with impunity try to induce others not to work with the man. The case, which is part heard, is of much interest to employers and trades-unionists alike.

Kuring-gai Chase Fisheries.—On Thursday last a report was published of an appeal by Seymour and another against the Fisheries Department in connection with the removal of oysters from Cowan Creek, Hawkesbury River. The appeal was upheld by Judge Rogers, and it was determined that the Fisheries Department had no jurisdiction over these waters, as they had been included within the Kuring-gai Chase boundaries. This case was heard under the Fisheries Act of 1884, which was in force when the alleged breach was committed, and it was held that under that Act the waters were not under the jurisdiction of the Crown. The Secretary of the Department of Fisheries now writes stating that special provision has been made under the Fisheries Act, 1902, to meet cases of this kind, for the definition of Crown lands in the Act referred to means and includes any land under any tidal or inland water or river in New South Wales the property in which is by law vested in the Crown or in any trustees for the purposes of public recreation or for any other public purposes. The secretary further states that the waters within the boundaries of Kuring-gai Chase are therefore now under the jurisdiction of the Board of Fisheries.

Non-notification of Disease.—At a meeting of the health and recreation committee of the City Council yesterday a report was received from the city health officer stating that the Sydney Hospital authorities had committed a breach of the Public Health Act by not reporting the death from typhoid fever of a patient in the institution. It was decided to inform the proper authorities that unless the Act was complied with action would be taken in the matter.

Transit of Opals by Post.—Referring to the mining and sale of opals in Queensland, the advance report of the Department of Mines for the year 1902 states that opal miners in Queensland are at a great disadvantage compared with those at White Cliffs, in New South Wales, because the postal rates charged for parcels passing from one State to another are higher than those charged within State boundaries, and from the fact that the New South Wales rough stone carries at least 90 per cent. of opal, whereas Queensland opal cannot be mined in this clean manner, and the stone forwarded generally consists of 90 per cent. of matrix. The result is that, in sending to Sydney parcels of gems of equal value, the cost in the case of Queensland opal is fully 18 times greater than in that of opal from White Cliffs. The matter has been represented to the Post and Telegraph Department, who are, however, unable to afford any relief, on the ground that parcel rates are statutory, and cannot be altered except by Act of Parliament. A letter from a large Sydney buyer, which appeared in a number of Queensland newspapers in December last, suggests that "If the gem miners of Queensland would, as a body, approach their federal representatives, they would no doubt succeed in getting their products carried through the States at a nominal figure—say ½d or 1d per lb.—and would thereby be placed in a position to forward small quantities to the different large centres in the States at such a cost as not to be a tax on their slender earnings, and be thus enabled to obtain the market value of their gems."

The Care of Sick Children.—Women and children flocked to the Town Hall last night to take part in the annual meeting of the Hospital for Sick Children, and their apparent interest in the work that the institution has been doing completed an extremely exhilarating picture. The hospital has been cramped for room, yet last year 797 in-patients were treated and 3525 out-patients attended to. It is a matter of public knowledge that the hospital board has long been endeavouring to get a new building. Its urgency was shown last year by the immediate occupation by patients of rooms made available on new quarters for nurses being found. The need was referred to last night, and the delay was ascribed to the inability of the board to obtain a suitable site. The Premier, who presided, expressed in non-committal terms a hope that the difficulty would soon be overcome. The needs of the hospital for 1903 are represented by £5000. A stirring appeal was made for help, the chief speakers in that connection being the Acting Chief Justice and the Rev. N. M. Hennessy.

Dispensary for Treatment of Consumption.—Alderman Dr. W. Camac Wilkinson, at yesterday's meeting of the health and recreation committee of the City Council, secured the reference to the proper officers of the council of the question of power of the council to expend money for the prevention of the spread of consumption, on the cost of site and of erection of a dispensary for the treatment of consumptive cases. His suggestion was for the establishment by the council of such an institution in the city. Such an establishment would, he contended, be the first link in a chain, as it would lead to voluntary notification, which would be followed by instruction to the sufferers and their friends, and in turn by inspection and disinfection of premises.

The English Mails.—The new R.M.S. Orontes, of the fleet of the Orient-Pacific Company, now on her second visit to Australia, arrived at Fremantle at 11.15 a.m. yesterday. She brings mails dated London, February 20, which it is expected will reach Sydney in time for delivery at about midday on Tuesday next.

The Sailing of the Australian.—The E. and A. Company's steamship Australian will be despatched from Sydney at 1 p.m. to-day for Manila, China, and Japan. She has a large number of passengers, including Senator Staniforth Smith, of Western Australia, and will take a large general cargo. Chinese shippers are sending 12 boxes of sovereigns, of the value of £7775, to Hongkong.

Result of the £1000 Cycling Handicap.—There was an attendance of fully 20,000 people at the Sydney Cricket Ground last night to witness the conclusion of the Sydney Thousand Cycling Carnival. The greatest excitement prevailed during the running of the final of the £1000 Mile Handicap. The race resulted in a win for N. C. Hopper, an American ex-amateur rider, who came to Sydney last November, and who was one of the front division men on 75 yards. He was magnificently paced by the other riders in the limit bunch, and passed the judges a good 25 yards ahead of Don Walker, the Australian champion, who was on the 5 yards mark. The time, 1m. 53 2-5s., constitutes a world's record for the handicap mile. Next to this event public interest centred in the riding of Major Taylor in a half-mile handicap. The American champion won his heat, and in the final he was just opening out with his famous sprint with every prospect of success when Sutherland fell, bringing down Taylor and other riders. Fortunately the accident—sensational as it was—was attended with no serious results. Taylor escaped with a severe shaking and some cuts and bruises.

A poll for the election of an alderman for Lewisham Ward will be taken at Petersham on Saturday next.

The annual meeting of the members of the Civil Ambulance and Transport Brigade will be held in the Railway Institute next Thursday evening.

BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY.

A CONSTITUTIONAL POINT RAISED.

STATEMENT BY THE PREMIER.

Sir John See was quite prepared yesterday to speak freely with regard to the indignation expressed by the residents of Broken Hill at the action of the Cabinet in deciding that as the site of the weir to provide a new water supply for Broken Hill had been changed from Yanco Glen to Umberumberka, it would be necessary to ask Parliament to vote the money on the first supply bill laid on the table of the House.

"It seems to me," observed Sir John See, "to be a question of law. I quite agree with the people of Broken Hill that an efficient supply of water should be provided for that important township, but, on the other hand, the Government must comply with the law. If it was an absolute necessity that the scheme recommended by Mr. Wade, as against the one approved by Parliament, should be carried out in order to save Broken Hill from a calamity, I would not hesitate to run counter to the resolution carried by Parliament. But I have yet to learn that the scheme is so urgent as to warrant the Government taking that course. I am consulting with the Crown law officers as to the legality of carrying out the Umberumberka weir whilst Parliament sanctioned one to be built at Yanco Glen.

"Parliament is very jealous, and properly so, in regard to the expenditure of money that has not been authorised by it. There are cases wherein Parliament has authorised certain public works to be undertaken, and the money voted to carry them out has been found insufficient for their completion. In that case the Government has always undertaken to complete them without the approval of Parliament. But in the case of changing the locality of a new work from one place to another, a point of constitutional law is involved. I say again, however, that if the lives of the people of Broken Hill, or the mining operations of that important township, were imperilled, I would not hesitate to break the law. I recognise there are occasions when the law must be broken in order to meet a sudden and special condition of things."

TREE-PLANTING AT BERRIGAN.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM THE KING.

BERRIGAN, Wednesday.

The progress association recently through a special committee forwarded to the King a request for an acknowledgement of the planting of 600 ornamental trees in the principal thoroughfares of the town in commemoration of the coronation. The secretary is now in receipt of a communication from the King through the Secretary of State for the Colonies and his Excellency the Governor of New South Wales as follows:—"His Majesty commands that your association be informed that he has learned with interest of the successful planting of trees, and warmly appreciates the feeling of loyalty which inspired that commemoration of his coronation."

QUEENSLAND CUSTOMS CASE.

KINGSTON v. ROBERT REID AND CO.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The hearing of the Customs action, Kingston v. Robert Reid and Co., Limited, which was adjourned from Monday was not continued to-day, Mr. Justice Cooper being engaged at the Full Court, where the business extended over a longer period than was expected.

FIRE.

A fire broke out yesterday morning in a five-roomed weatherboard cottage at 118 Phillip-street, Balmain, occupied by W. H. Simmonds. A portion of the roof was damaged, but the outbreak was soon extinguished by a detachment of the M.F.B., and some neighbours with buckets of water. The fire is supposed to have been caused by some burning rubbish in an adjoining yard.

TO-DAY.

Forest Lodge Races: First Event, 2.30 p.m.
Sydney Philharmonic Society: "The Creation," Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Women's Social and Political League: Meeting, School of Arts, 8 p.m.
Hairdressers and Wigmakers' Union: Meeting, 8 p.m.
The Mutoscope: Royal Arcade and 74 Oxford-street.
Cyclorama: "Battle of Gettysburg," Illusions and Cinematograph, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "The World," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: New Vaudeville Company, 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "When the Lamps are Lighted," 8 p.m.
Palace Theatre: "The Wrong Mr. Wright," 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Zaza," 8 p.m.

CADBURY'S COCOA. A stimulating and sustaining cup—made instantly.—Advt.

"Shooting the Breakers," showing a phase of surf bathing at Manly, is the subject of a picture in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES.

A POSTAL REGULATION.

Under a Commonwealth postal regulation the Postmaster-General has power to fix the hours during which post and telegraph offices shall be open to the public. In the capital cities the telegraph offices are kept open all night. Other stations are closed at 6, 8, and 10 p.m. If any person wishes to keep an office open later than the authorised closing hour he must pay a fee of 2s 6d, and an additional 1s 6d for each hour or part of an hour the office is kept open for him. A return recently presented to the Postmaster-General shows that the fees paid under this regulation throughout the Commonwealth during a period of six months amounted to £112 1s. Of this amount £60 13s 6d was collected in Queensland, £55 13s coming from one office—Rockhampton.

THE IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION ACT.

In reference to the request of the Australian Agents-General that pending the appointment of the High Commissioner the Agents-General should be appointed officers under the Commonwealth, with powers to grant certificates of exemption under the Immigration Restriction Act, Sir Edmund Barton stated yesterday that this had been done some time ago, and that the formal "Gazette" notice appeared early in the month.

LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT OF PENSIONS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The proposed payment of a pension to Colonel Campbell, ex-Military Commandant of Western Australia, has drawn attention to a curious point in connection with the Constitution Act. It is suggested that the Western Australian Government should contribute £150 and the Commonwealth £50 towards Colonel Campbell's pension. Seeing that the ex-commandant had 20 years' service to his credit, and he was under federal control for only 18 months, the Commonwealth appears to be paying an unduly large proportion of the pension, but the Constitution Act is worded that if the salary of any officer entitled to a pension is increased after he has been transferred to the Federal Public Service, and his pension is based upon the larger amount, the Commonwealth must, in addition to contributing its proportion according to his length of federal service, pay the difference between the pension he would have been entitled to if the salary had not been raised and that actually due.

LONDON DIRECTORIES AND THE CUSTOMS.

Among the "hung-up" decisions of the Customs Department is one on the question whether the London Directory is dutiable. The department has refused to pass this publication on the free list, on the plea that it contains advertising matter.

THE TRANS-AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY.

Most of the preliminary steps in connection with the suggested construction of the trans-continental railway from Port Augusta to Kalgoorlie have been taken by Sir William Lyne, but the Federal Minister have not yet touched upon the point who is to build the line if it is considered necessary. The Minister for Home Affairs pointed out to-day that the South Australian and Western Australian Governments might construct the line between them, and that the Commonwealth could take it over at a later date. "But," he remarked, "the spirit in which the proposal was first made was, I think, that the Commonwealth should undertake the building of the line."

THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

Federal Ministers have not absolutely determined that the Commonwealth elections shall be held in November or December, but as every Minister is of opinion that the elections for both Houses should take place simultaneously there is little doubt that this course will be taken; under the Commonwealth Act half of the members of the Senate must retire before the end of the year, but the House of Representatives need not be dissolved until May, 1904. Ministers, however, feel that there would be no justification for holding two elections, and consequently they propose to save perhaps £40,000 by having a simultaneous appeal to the people. Senators will receive their "allowance" from January 1, and members of the House of Representatives "from the day of their election."

THE CREEP IN THE CENTRAL MINE.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The sittings of the Royal Commission on the creep in the Central mine was resumed in the Town Hall this morning.

Edwin Martin, a timber boss of the Central, who supervised the whole of the timber throughout the mine, said that he knew B3 chute, and was aware it was often becoming hung up. To reach the slide men were obliged to crawl on their hands and knees for about eight sets, and the chute could be started only by a man kneeling down. There was no actual danger about the place. Witness had never told Lyons or any other man that the chute was dangerous. There was nothing between the 400ft. and 500ft. levels just prior to the creep to arouse misgivings on witness' part about the safety of the ground. From what witness had seen he had formed the opinion that the creep was due to there not being mullock enough in the South mine to stay the mullock in the Central, and therefore the Central mullock had run into the South mine.

Under cross-examination by Mr. Edwards, witness said: "I don't attribute the creep to the South mine. I simply said that the South was not mullocked up as well as the Central."

Reuben Cox, George Williams, Joseph Henry M'Cubbin, and John Nankivelle, all experienced miners, gave evidence as to the safety of the ground between the 400ft. and 500ft. levels, where the men were working prior to the creep in A2 and A3 stopes or pillars. They were unanimous in contradiction of evidence previously given that these workings were known to be dangerous, and said they never heard the timbers "talking" or knew of any serious crack in the solid ground in that part of the mine.

TYPHOID FEVER.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

At the monthly meeting of the hospital board last evening the resident surgeon reported that there were 52 typhoid patients at present in the institution.

COONAMBLE, Wednesday.

Seven patients have been discharged from the hospital, leaving 70 in the institution. One case was reported to-day, being the only fresh case for two days.

WALGETT, Wednesday.

The typhoid epidemic is spreading. A special meeting of the progress association has been convened to request Government aid, as the fresh cases assume a more serious character than the previous ones. The weather continues hot.

NEW MISSIONARIES FOR THE HEBRIDES.

THE TAMBO'S PASSENGER LIST.

Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co.'s island steamship Tambo, which will sail on April 1 for the New Hebrides, has already a full passenger list. Included among those who have booked passages are the following Presbyterian missionaries who have arrived from Scotland to take up mission work in the group: Dr. J. Campbell Nicholson and Mrs. Nicholson, Dr. and Mrs. M'Causland, Mr. and Mrs. George Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yates. The following missionaries who have been on a holiday visit to Sydney will return by the Tambo to their respective spheres of labour: Dr. E. and Mrs. M'Kenzie, Mr. K. and Mrs. M'Kenzie, Dr. and Mrs. Gunn and two children and governess, Misses M'Kenzie (2), Rev. Dr. John Fraser.

Captain Ernest Rason, R.N., the British Commissioner, accompanied by his secretary (Mr. Seagoe) and a party of seven Fijian native police have also booked by the Tambo, and the remaining passengers are: Mrs. Bates, Mrs. C. Rossiter (for Norfolk Island), Messrs. Binnie, Bridges, and Moreson (for the New Hebrides), besides seven or eight colonists who travel in the second class.

Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co. are making steady progress with the enrolment of applicants for land grants in the group, but are strictly limiting the earlier parties to those who are possessed of sufficient capital to make their venture a success. The promoters are also selecting men who are physically capable of enduring the effects of pioneering work in a tropical climate. The Tambo, which is due here on Saturday next, is expected to bring the first shipment of maize from the new settlement at Annandale, on the island of Santo, in the New Hebrides Group.

A BATHING INCIDENT.

A NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.

A narrow escape from drowning was experienced by one of the bathers at Bondi yesterday morning. Mr. W. B. Riley, of the Lands Department, residing at Cowper-street, Waverley, was enjoying a dip, when the back current carried him off his feet and swept him out from the shore. The other bathers joined hands and an attempt was made to reach the struggling swimmer by forming a chain. The waves, however, broke the chain, and those forming it had some difficulty in reaching the shore. For a few minutes it looked as if Mr. Riley would be drowned, but just as the anxious spectators had given up hope an incoming wave caught and swept him in, and he was then assisted to the beach. Though considerably exhausted, he was able to proceed to his home after a short rest.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN GREAT BRITAIN.

THE QUEEN'S SHAMROCKS.

LONDON, March 18.

Yesterday being St. Patrick's Day the shamrocks sent by the Queen were distributed among the Irish Guards in the Tower.

IRELAND A NATION.

HOPEFUL PROSPECTS.

LONDON, March 18.

Mr. John Redmond, M.P. (Nationalist), in presiding at St. Patrick's Day banquet in London, toasted "Ireland—a nation." He dwelt upon the unprecedently hopeful prospects of Ireland, due to her people's organisation, unity, and sacrifices.

PROPOSED BANK HOLIDAY.

LONDON, March 18.

In the House of Lords last night the bill, introduced by the Earl of Dunraven, providing for proclaiming St. Patrick's Day a bank holiday throughout Ireland was read the second time.

THE CZAR'S MANIFESTO.

FRENCH SOCIALIST VIEW.

LONDON, March 17.

M. Jaures, the French socialist leader, speaking at Denain, stated that the Czar's manifesto was a confession that repression had failed. What the timid reformers offered would aggravate the discontent unless the provincial councils were granted political emancipation. The Czar's best course would be to convene the Etats Generaux.

THE TRADE OF THE EMPIRE.

COMMONS SHELVE A FISCAL DEBATE.

LONDON, March 18.

The resolution of Mr. C. M'Arthur (Liberal Unionist, Exchange, Liverpool),—"That the recent developments of the fiscal and commercial policy of foreign countries ousting British trade demand the serious consideration of the Government in concert with the colonial Governments where necessary, with a view of safeguarding the trade of the Empire," was counted out in the House of Commons last night.

Mr. James F. Hope (Conservative, Brightside Division of Sheffield) gave notice that upon Mr. M'Arthur's motion he would move an amendment to omit the words "serious consideration" with a view of inserting the words "retaliatory action."

THE INDIA ESTIMATES.

A LARGE SURPLUS.

REMISSION OF TAXATION.

LONDON, March 18.

The estimates for India, which were laid upon the table of the House of Commons last night, show a surplus of £2,750,000. A sum of £1,000,000 is to be sacrificed in reduction of the salt tax and in raising the limit of exemption from income tax. The economic progress of India is declared to be satisfactory.

THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY.

RATIFIED BY THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, March 18.

The Senate of the United States has ratified the Panama Canal treaty by 73 votes to 5.

THE GERMAN LANGUAGE.

THE EMPEROR'S REFORMS.

LONDON, March 17.

The German Emperor has ordered all the Government officials to avoid using involved sentences and to abandon the placing of the verb at the end of the sentence.

GERMAN EMIGRATION.

LONDON, March 17.

Germany has allotted £15,000 to assist farmers to emigrate to South-west Africa. She will also grant loans to settlers.

RIOTS IN PORTUGAL.

LONDON, March 17.

The residents of Coimbra, Portugal, revolted against the collection of rates. Soldiers were called out and fired upon them, killing eight and wounding many.

THE BANK OF AUSTRALASIA.

LONDON, March 18.

The report of the Bank of Australasia shows deposits to amount to £14,313,892 cash, and securities to £5,874,369 and bills to £13,652,571.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, March 17.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has presented a park of an area of nine acres to St. Andrew's University, Scotland.

The Ameer's palace at Kabul has been greatly damaged by fire. The main block was saved.

French officials state that the Italian Consul has denied that Great Britain has occupied the island of Bombah, off the coast of Tripoli.

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The Admiralty Court has awarded the steamship Duke of Argyll £2000 for her services in taking the disabled vessel Queen Wilhelmina to Albany.

The steamer Idomeneus, which put into Port Elizabeth a week ago owing to the loss of her rudder, started for Capetown in tow of tugs. Yesterday she was reported 12 miles off Cape Recife with her tugs, being apparently unable to steer.

[The steamship Queen Wilhelmina, bound from New York to Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney, with a valuable cargo of general merchandise, became disabled owing to the tail shaft breaking on August 13 last, and after drifting about the ocean in a helpless condition for four days was picked up by the steamer Duke of Argyll 55 miles south-east of Albany. The Queen Wilhelmina was taken in tow by the Duke of Argyll, and arrived at Albany early on the morning of August 18. The accident happened in latitude 36·11 S. and longitude 118·14 E. The fracture took place in the stern tube. The propeller was saved. A south-westerly wind was blowing at the time, and as much canvas as possible was spread with a view of sailing to Albany. Thirty-four miles were made during the first day, 55 miles the second, and 66 miles the third. The Queen Wilhelmina remained at Albany until September 26, when she sailed for Adelaide, subsequently visiting Melbourne and Sydney.]

THE NAVY ESTIMATES.

DISCUSSION ON COLONIAL CONTRIBUTION.

THE MOTHERLAND'S BURDEN.

HERESY OF A LOCALISED SQUADRON.

LONDON, March 18.

The Navy Estimates were again considered in Committee of Supply of the House of Commons last night.

Mr. H. Labouchere (Liberal, Northampton) moved an amendment to reduce the vote of £6,312,800, the pay of officers and men, by the amount of increase, viz., £232,255.

The main topic of discussion was the burden of Great Britain, but it was generally agreed that Great Britain must await an offer from the colonies, and that it was impossible for the motherland to press the colonies for a contribution.

Sir J. C. R. Colomb (Conservative, Yarmouth) said it was undoubted that when the navy was organised to protect all Britons the colonies would willingly contribute to its support.

Mr. E. Robertson (Liberal, Dundee) said that the colonies were strongly wedded to the naval heresy of a localised squadron equally with the economic heresy of protection. He was afraid that Parliament must expect both heresies. He believed that the colonies could be induced to establish independent fleets. We could then make an alliance with them and thus indirectly get a contribution.

Mr. Arnold-Forster, the Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, said that the danger was lest the persistent apathy of the colonies should produce in Great Britain a feeling that it was impossible to bear the burden longer.

If the reaction came, Mr. Arnold-Forster said, it would be a serious day for the motherland and the colonies. There appeared to be an impression in the colonies that naval warfare could be made a matter of limited liability, and that it was only necessary to provide a naval force sufficient to defend their shores against a squadron in the neighbourhood. That was a delusion, inasmuch as a colony would find that it was contending against an enemy's whole maritime power.

Mr. Arnold-Forster affirmed that he did not believe that the idea of separate navies had been accepted by the colonies. A separate Australian navy on the most economical lines would cost £1,000,000 a year.

Mr. J. C. Wason (Independent Liberal, Orkney and Shetland) said that the present proposed contribution had not been definitely submitted to the colonies. He was sure they would ultimately pay a fair share.

Mr. Labouchere's amendment was negatived by 252 votes to 27, and the vote was agreed to.

GOVERNMENT INSURANCE OF WAR RISKS.

LONDON, March 17.

Admiral Sir J. O. Hopkins advocates that the Government should, on the outbreak of war, gratuitously insure all vessels and cargoes against war risks. He declares that the late Admiral Sir G. Tryon expressed approval of the proposal.

CANADA'S NAVAL RESERVE.

LONDON, March 18.

In the House of Commons last night Mr. Arnold-Forster, the Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, in reply to Sir Gilbert Parker (Conservative, Gravesend), said he was not aware that Canada had decided to establish a naval reserve independent of Imperial authority.

SOUTH AFRICA.

THE CUSTOMS CONFERENCE A FAILURE.

LONDON, March 18.

The Customs conference at Bloemfontein, between representatives of the South African colonies has proved a failure. The views of the Transvaal and Rhodesia differed from those of Cape Colony, Natal, and the Orange River Colony.

EXPULSION OF FOREIGNERS.

LONDON, March 17.

Twenty-seven foreigners at Pretoria, who were not provided with permits, have been expelled from the Transvaal.

THE ROYAL FAMILY OF SAXONY.

KING'S MANIFESTO ON RECENT SCANDALS.

SYMPATHY OF THE KAISER.

LONDON, March 18.

The German Emperor is on a visit to King Albert of Saxony at Dresden.

King Albert has issued a manifesto to his people warmly thanking them for their sympathy in the recent trials of the Royal family, leading to the divorce of the Crown Princess.

The King begs his people not to believe the statement that behind the misfortune which has befallen himself and his family there lurks a tissue of falsehood and deception, but to believe the King's word.

The painful affair, the manifesto continues, is solely due to the ungovernable passion of a woman who had long before secretly fallen.

King Albert, at a gala dinner at Dresden in the evening of the day the manifesto was issued, acknowledged the Kaiser's visit as a special comfort.

BRITISH SETTLEMENT IN CANADA.

LONDON, March 17.

The Coley-Bromfield Land Syndicate has undertaken to place 50,000 British on an immense tract at New Ontario.

As evidence of the extent of systematic emigration from Great Britain to Canada, it may be mentioned that in January last Messrs. Elder, Dempster, and Co. contracted to convey to Canada in one of their steamers a party of British colonists consisting of 2000 persons. They are to settle in the district of Saskatoon, in the north-west territory, and are to be given by the Canadian Government special facilities and protection from encroachment by other nationalities. Sufficient land will be granted by the Canadian Government to build 18 townships, each family receiving 160 acres free. The settlers will consist mainly of farmers and agricultural labourers, and not a few are going from the Channel Islands. The colonists pay their own passage, and the majority of them have a little capital. The Rev. J. M. Barr, late curate in charge of St. Saviour's, Tollington Park, N., will go out in charge of the party, which sails from Liverpool on March 21 for St. John's, N.B. Mr. Barr has the authority of the Dominion Government to take out this party, which is to be called a "Special British Colony," and foreigners will not be permitted to settle on this reserved territory. It is expected that of the 2000 about 500 will be saloon passengers.

THE ADEN HINTERLAND.

LONDON, March 17.

Sir N. O'Conor, the British Ambassador at Constantinople, has informed the Porte that unless the Hinterland of Aden is promptly evacuated by the Turkish troops Great Britain alone will define the boundary between the nine cantons placed under British protection and the Yemen Vilayet.

There are 3000 British troops on the spot.

N.S.W. TREASURY BILLS.

OFFERED IN LONDON.

LONDON, March 18.

New South Wales is placing at par on the market Treasury bills of the value of £600,000, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. The issue is to have a currency of four years.

Mr. Waddell, the Treasurer, explained last night that the money was required to meet engagements falling due in London during the next couple of months.

CHINA.

PAYMENT OF THE INDEMNITY.

ON A GOLD BASIS.

IF CUSTOMS PAID IN GOLD.

LONDON, March 18.

Baron von Richthofen, the German Minister for Foreign Affairs, states that China recognises her obligation to pay the indemnity in gold, but declares that she will be unable to do so unless the maritime customs duties are paid in gold.

Negotiations on the matter are now proceeding.

Reuter's correspondent states that France and Russia support the request of China that the customs should be paid on a gold basis.

A RUSSIAN LOAN AND RAILWAY EXTENSIONS.

LONDON, March 18.

Russia guarantees a Chinese loan of £8,000,000, to be issued in May.

Belgium, Holland, and France have been granted concessions for railway extensions into Manchuria.

WHITAKER WRIGHT.

OFFERS TO RETURN VOLUNTARILY.

ASSERTS HIS INNOCENCE.

LONDON, March 18.

Whitaker Wright, now under arrest at New York on a charge of being a fugitive from justice, offers to return to England voluntarily if the extradition proceedings are dropped. He states that the public inquiry into the affairs of the London and Globe Finance Corporation proved that his hands were clean.

Wright also said that after the statements by the representatives of the Government in Parliament that he could not be prosecuted he was legally advised that an application for a summons against him would be unsuccessful. If he had been told he would be prosecuted he would have remained in England, and have met the charge.

Wright denies stating that he relied on powerful friends. He had never sought to screen himself.

THE IRISH LAND QUESTION.

KING DESIRES SPEEDY SETTLEMENT.

LONDON, March 18.

According to Mr. T. Healy, M.P., the King desires that the land question should be settled speedily and finally. Hence Mr. Chamberlain, though hostile to a grant from the Imperial Exchequer for this purpose, will not oppose it.

THE AMERICA CUP.

LAUNCH OF SHAMROCK III.

LONDON, March 18.

The America Cup challenger Shamrock III., built to the order of Sir Thomas Lipton, was launched at Belfast yesterday amidst extraordinary enthusiasm.

The name of the defender of the cup will be Reliance.

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, March 17.

At the wool sales to-day biddings were brisk. Prices for merinos showed a further hardening tendency. Crossbreds were unchanged.

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At the wool sales yesterday the following prices were realised for the undermentioned clips:—Oringi, 5½d; Highfields, 7¼d; Bowes Tara, 10¾d; Daandine, 11¾d; Wallawalla, 12¾d; Ardno, 13½d.

THE TALLOW SALES.

LONDON, March 18.

At the weekly auctions of Australasian tallow to-day 825 casks were offered and 325 casks were sold. Prices were unchanged as follow:—Fine mutton 34s 6d, medium mutton 31s 6d; fine beef 35s 3d, medium beef 31s.

NEW ZEALAND.

GENERATING ELECTRIC POWER.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

Mr. Allo, the Swiss electrical expert, reports very favourably on the Huka Falls, Waikato, for electric generating purposes. It is, he states, capable of generating 250,000-h.p.

NAVAL BOATS RACE.

The race for Vice-Admiral Fanshawe's Cup was held amongst the boats of the squadron in Wellington Harbour to-day. The Archer's whaler finished first, but the Lizard's whaler won on time allowance.

THE LATE MR. CHARLES PHARAZYN.

Mr. Charles Pharazyn, who was found drowned in the Thames, England, was the last surviving son of Mr. C. J. Pharazyn, a well-known Wellington resident, who completed his hundredth year in October. Deceased was a runholder, and was largely interested in business concerns. He left for a visit to England about a year ago. Since then he had interested himself in some very large projects, including the purchase of an immense tract of land in South Australia. He underwent a surgical operation recently, and a second operation was impending.

GOLD RETURNS.

During the past fortnight the gold returns of the Auckland goldfields reached a total exceeding that of any three weekly crushing period for many years, the amount being £72,000.

INTER-STATE BOWLING.

THE VICTORIAN TEAMS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Victorian Bowling Association will be represented by the following teams in matches to be played in Sydney, Adelaide, and Tasmania:—

Sydney Team.—Serle, Wasley, Poulter, and Slatter (captain); Trinca, Hanbury, Blench, and Groom (captain); Stephens, Wright, Treney, and Cudden (captain); Hurley, Trickett, Rennie, and Ellis (captain).

Adelaide Team.—Pigden, Thompson, Bentley, and Wood (captain); Selleck, Oliver, Chellan, and Hansen (captain); Crow, Mountain, Fridham, and Bennett (captain); Stephens, Welch, Beale, and Upton (captain).

Tasmanian Team.—Duncan, M'Donald, Beckwith, and Nathan (captain); Craig, Admans, Young, and Evans (captain); Lewis, Fielding, Stedeford, and Neate (captain); King, Patterson, Miller, and Burton (captain).

THE PLAGUE.

CONDITION OF SAN FRANCISCO.

The United States Consul has received the following cable from Washington dated March 16, 1903:—"Surgeon-general certifies no infection found in San Francisco among persons or rats since December 11, although thorough and continuous daily search has been and is being made. Convey information Sydney authorities.—(Signed) Peirce, Assistant-Secretary of State."

PERSONAL.

MADAME MELBA'S SEASON.

Madame Melba closed her season in Sydney yesterday by a matinee given at the Town Hall, which will result in a considerable sum being handed over to the Drought Relief Fund. This splendid generosity on the diva's part was first inspired by a suggestion of Mr. George Musgrove. His clever generalship enabled the star to pass through the grey clouds of depression that she unexpectedly encountered here on her return from New Zealand with prestige not only undimmed but enhanced by the course of events. It is in this way that, all through her life, Mme. Melba and her well-chosen advisers have understood how "from this nettle, danger, to pluck this flower, safety." It is stated that in all about £9000 was the amount realised by four concerts given at the Town Hall. Mme. Melba herself does not know of any similar results in London by purely concert enterprise, and Mr. F. Vert, who was for years in management in New York, when recently passing through Sydney with Mlle. Antonia Dolores, assured us that the Melba figures had not been surpassed in America even by M. Paderewski. It will be seen from this that if the great singer's incessant journeyings in this part of the world have proved arduous, her rewards have been great. Beginning her tour just as the hot weather was setting in, and continuing it throughout the trying temperatures of an Australian summer, Mme. Melba has travelled as far north as Brisbane and as far west as Kalgoorlie, and has capped these fatiguing experiences with the discomforts of a New Zealand tour conducted at headlong speed. Through it all the most remarkable feature has been the way in which Australian concert goers have responded to the charm of the great singer's voice. She has defied every antipodean tradition, has given operatic performances here in the dull fortnight preceding Christmas, and has made her farewell in mid-Lent, when the sting of a wearisome summer is most felt. Mme. Melba has, in fact, wholly ignored the Australian concert season, which opens at Easter and lasts through the winter, and has been "a law unto herself." Supported throughout in the most whole-hearted way by her fellow-countrymen throughout the Commonwealth, the diva cannot fail to feel satisfied at the genuine appreciation everywhere displayed for the refined charm of her voice and the exquisite delicacy of her style. Australians are quick to learn, and Mme. Melba has done incalculable good in giving the mass of amateurs a standard by which to measure. Standing as the diva indisputably does, as the most renowned light soprano now on the operatic stage of Europe, her coming here has taught crowds of her listeners that many singers they have heard in the past have been insufficiently appreciated. Equally it has taught them that when it comes to "star" voices the differences of excellence are chiefly a question of fine shades. By fine shades Mme. Melba must be recognised as the most marvellously fluent soprano ever heard here, and the peculiar and unapproachable clarity which gives character to the timbre of her beautiful voice will never be forgotten by the many thousands who have had the privilege of hearing it.

Sir Edmund Barton will leave Sydney for Melbourne on Friday evening. He will not return until about Easter time. The date depends upon his arrangements for a short tour of his electorate, which will be made either immediately before or after Easter. The Prime Minister will address a meeting in Sydney, at latest, soon after his return from this tour, and if possible before he sets out for it.

The Federal Government has offered the position of Chief Judicial Officer of British New Guinea, which will shortly be rendered vacant by the retirement of Sir Francis Winter, to Mr. C. Robinson, of Brisbane. Mr. Robinson is a solicitor, practising in Brisbane. He is highly recommended to the Federal Government, is unmarried, and has had experiences of tropical Queensland, which it is hoped will enable him to withstand the effects of the climate of New Guinea. Mr. Robinson will probably go to New Guinea with the Lieutenant-Governor, the Hon. G. R. Le Hunte, by whom he will be sworn in, and from whom he will receive his formal appointment.

It was reported from Melbourne yesterday that Senator R. E. O'Connor contemplated retiring from politics with a view to devoting his attention exclusively to his practice at the Bar. Questioned on the subject Senator O'Connor said, "It is not true that I contemplate resigning from the Federal Government. But it is true that I purpose remaining in Sydney until Parliament meets to attend to my professional engagements. I have not been to Melbourne since the session closed. I do not purpose going until Parliament meets, and even then it is not likely that I shall attend in the Senate until perhaps a little time after the session commences."

Commander Don Arturo Cuevas, of the training ship General Baquedano, yesterday dined with his Excellency Sir Harry H. Rawson at the State Government House, Rose Bay.

Alderman W. Carter, J.P., ex-Mayor of Waverley, was entertained at the local council-chambers on Wednesday evening, prior to leaving for England. Mr. Thomas Jessep, M.L.A., presided, and in his speech referred to the useful services rendered to the borough by the guest during his mayoralty of Waverley. On behalf of a number of friends the chairman presented Alderman Carter with a gold watch and an address. Mrs. Carter was also the recipient of a token of esteem. Alderman Carter thanked the subscribers for the gifts.

The funeral of the late Mr. Edward Harvey Kater took place yesterday at the Waverley cemetery, and was attended by several relatives and friends. A service was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Beck, A.K.C., at St. John's Church, Darlinghurst; the Rev. L. D. Thomas assisted. At the grave the Rev. R. M'Keown officiated. The chief mourners were Messrs. Doval Kater, Charles Kater, and Eric Kater (sons), Miss Kater (daughter). There were also present Mr. H. E. Kater, M.L.C. (brother), with Mrs. Kater, Mr. H. Salwey, Mr. R. R. P. Hickson (chairman Sydney Harbour Trust), Mr. R. P. Hickson, Mr. W. L. Hickson, Mr. R. V. Hickson, Mr. Hodges (Sydney Church of England Grammar School), &c. The interment took place in the Church of England vault section. The arrangements were carried out by Mrs. P. Kirby and Son.

There died at Townsville on the 14th instant Mr. C. J. Fox, one of the oldest journalists in Australia. He came to the colonies from England (of which country he was a native) as far back as 1861. While in Melbourne he was at different times connected with the "Argus" and "Age." Subsequently he edited the "Bendigo Advertiser." After a short journalistic experience in New South Wales Mr. Fox, in 1885, accepted the editorship of the "Tasmanian Mail," on the staff of which he continued for nearly five years. Nearly four years ago Mr. Fox undertook the editing of the "Cairns Daily Argus," and continued in that position to within a few weeks of his death. The deceased gentleman was in his 63rd year, and for about 33 years was a pressman.

Last Saturday the Chilian Consul entertained at an informal dinner Commander Cuevas and a number of the other officers of the General Baquedano.

Mr. Justice M'Millan, second Puisne Judge of Western Australia, who was recently appointed from England, took his seat in the open Court at Perth for the first time on Tuesday, when he received and acknowledged the congratulations of the Bar.

An important change in the personnel of the Railway Construction Branch has just been carried into effect. Mr. T. R. Firth, for many years engineer-in-chief for existing lines, intimated some time ago to the Railway Commissioners that he desired to retire from the service. His resignation was received with great regret, because Mr. Firth had proved himself a most trustworthy officer. The vacancy has been filled by the promotion of Mr. James Fraser, who filled the position of assistant engineer for existing lines. Mr. Fraser is a native of this State, and gained his experience in the Public Works Department, as well as in the service of the Railway Commissioners. Mr. Fraser, though a young man, possesses high qualifications for the important position to which he has been elevated, and his colleagues are satisfied that he will perform the duties of his office in a capable manner. That they are of an onerous character may be judged from the fact that Mr. Fraser will have the supervision of over 3000 miles of railways and the control of 4500 men.

The Minister for Works (Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan) leaves this morning for Newcastle. He will attend the opening of the Newcastle agricultural show, and will afterwards receive several deputations. On Sunday evening he leaves for Temora, and on the following day will turn the first sod of the new railway which is to be constructed from that township to Barellan.

Alderman Evan Jones, of the City Council, is to be entertained at a smoke concert and presented with a testimonial at the Elite Hall, Queen Victoria Markets, on the 26th instant.

Mrs. Hawkins, widow of the late Mr. Zachariah Hawkins (at one time Mayor of Goulburn), died suddenly on Tuesday night.

Mr. W. G. Coombs, a member of Adelaide Hospital Board, who is about to take a trip to England, has been granted an honorary commission to inquire into and report upon hospitals and their management in England and on the Continent of Europe.

The remains of the late Thomas William Nicholl (formerly Assistant-Paymaster at the State Treasury) were interred in the Waverley Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The cortege left 191 Glenmore-road, Paddington, shortly before 3 p.m., for the Waverley Cemetery. The chief mourners were:—Messrs. Charles, Stanley, Ashley, and Claude Nicholl (sons), Mr. J. T. Davenport (brother-in-law), Messrs. M. Roberts, jun., W. D. Lewis, and F. Lewis (nephews). There were also present—Messrs. J. Walford, H. Brewer, J. Oatley, W. Smyth, T. Gorman (eastern district office, M.F.B.), R. Campbell, G. Meadham, W. Hamilton, W. Jackson, G. Mortimer, W. G. North, J. Redmond, J. Taylor, R. Trefall, R. Smith, and a number of officials from the Treasury. Pastor T. Bagley conducted the service at the grave. Amongst the wreaths forwarded were those from the officers of the State Treasury, the employees of the American Tobacco Company, Messrs. Hayes and Son, Miss Gladys Nicholl, and others. The arrangements were carried out by Charles Kinsela and Co.

The Crookwell local Bench of magistrates yesterday presented Mr. W. S. Caswell, police magistrate, with a handsome address on his retirement from his position.

Mr. J. R. Mott, one of the leaders of the World's Christian Student Federation, reached Adelaide by the Melbourne express on Wednesday.

Mr. C. Giles, accountant, of Adelaide, has been nominated to represent the clerical division of South Australia on the Board of Inquiry and Appeal provided for under the Commonwealth Act.

VICTORIA.

REVIEWING A CUSTOMS CASE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

At the Court of Petty Sessions last month Mrs. Leah Abrahams was fined £50 with costs on a charge of having been concerned in the making in a Customs entry statement a false declaration as to the genuineness of an invoice of goods. An application was made to-day to Mr. Justice Holroyd for an order to review this decision on the ground that there was no evidence that the person making the declaration did not believe it to be true. Mr. Justice Holroyd granted the order to review, and remarked that the declaration form was a very objectionable one, and that 99 out of 100 ordinary persons would be deceived by it.

THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE PREMIER.

REPRESENTATIVES REFUSED AN INTERVIEW.

About 150 unemployed assembled near the Government offices to-day with the intention of appointing a deputation to wait on the Premier with a request that the Government should do something to provide employment. Several police constables were stationed in the vicinity of the offices, and when the crowd assembled the leaders were informed by the officer in charge that no speechmaking nor attempt at organised demonstration would be allowed.

Mr. J. W. Fleming, who acts as secretary to the unemployed, and three others then detached themselves from the crowd and proceeded to the Premier's office with the object of urging Mr. Irvine to authorise some public works. Mr. Irvine was engaged at the time, and sent out word that the Government was doing all it could to push on public works, and that no purpose could be served by the proposed interview. Shortly afterwards Messrs. Prendergast, Billson, and Elmslie, Ms.L.A., endeavoured to see Mr. Irvine on the same subject, but without success. The Labour members were annoyed at being refused an interview.

At the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge to-night the Deputy Grand Master (Dr. Balls Headley), on behalf of the Grand Lodge and the Masonic fraternity in Victoria, tendered a hearty welcome to Bishop Clarke, who held high office in the craft in the old country. Bishop Clarke, in acknowledging the welcome, said that he had been a Mason for 20 years, and he delighted in it and had no thought of hiding his Masonry under his episcopal apron.

STATE FINANCES.

MR. ASHTON'S REJOINDER TO THE TREASURER.

THE INDICTMENT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

Relative to the criticism of the State Treasurer, Mr. Ashton, M.L.A., stated yesterday:—"I am obliged to Mr. Waddell for the courteous tone of his reply to my observations upon what I regard as a series of grave acts of financial maladministration on the part of the Government of which he is a member. It is quite refreshing in a controversy of the kind not to be denounced as a 'calamity howler' and a 'bounder.'

"By way of rejoinder might I be allowed to say at the outset that of the eight counts in the indictment which I ventured to level against the Government Mr. Waddell makes no reply whatever to five of them. He allows to go by default the following allegations:—1. That although Sir John See told the English money-lenders that the proceeds of a £4,000,000 loan were required for resumption purposes, only £1,300,000 was so applied. 2. That while the Government were collecting in rentals from the resumptions 3·74 per cent. on £4,700,000, they were paying interest on only a little more than £2,000,000. 3. That whereas Mr. Wise told the people in London that a net profit of £209,000 had been made out of the resumptions, after providing for a sinking fund, Mr. Waddell himself informed Parliament that the establishment of a sinking fund was out of the question at present, seeing that less than half the total liability had been discharged. 4. That in spite of the Treasurer's assurance that £4,250,000 would suffice for the needs of the Government up to June 30, the Government, notwithstanding the obvious timorousness of lenders, persisted in taking authority to borrow £7,000,000. 5. That notwithstanding a deficiency on the face of their accounts this year of £375,000, the Government have undertaken to incur further obligations involving an annual charge of a quarter of a million sterling without offering a shadow of a suggestion as to how the bill is to be footed. From the fact of Mr. Waddell's silence on these points, is it to be inferred that no answer can be given?

"The first matter dealt with by Mr. Waddell is the question of the sinking fund payment of £100,000, although there were other points involved. The gravamen of my charge in this matter is that had Mr. Waddell showed that payment in his Estimates—such payments having since been made—he would have had to announce a deficit of £97,000 instead of a surplus of £3000. No Government, for the purpose of changing an estimated deficiency into an estimated surplus, has the right to omit from its list of items of expenditure a sum that the law (passed in this instance by the Government itself) says shall be paid.

"Mr. Waddell next deals with my assertion that although the Estimates-in-chief showed a surplus of £3000 (treating the item referred to in the previous paragraph as described) additional estimates included £244,000 worth of items, most of which could well have been included in the Estimates-in-chief. In reply to this, the Treasurer takes two items amounting to £170,000, which he says could not have been foreseen. The first of these is £150,000 for seed wheat and relief works. Mr. Waddell, in effect, says in regard to this that at the end of September when the Estimates were submitted, the Government did not think the results of the drought were going to prove as bad as they afterwards promised to be. As to the effect of the drought on the pastoral industry and dependent industries, if Mr. Waddell will turn to page 3792 of 'Hansard' he will find that he informed the House that the Estimates were drawn on the assumption that only 20,000,000 sheep remained in New South Wales. In regard to the agricultural industry, if the Government did not anticipate that relief would be needed in the shape of seed wheat, then it only bears out the charge so frequently made against the Ministry, viz., that they persistently refused to see what was patent to everyone else.

With respect to the item of £20,000 on the additional Estimates to meet the great increase in the price of provisions, the question may fairly be asked—Was there much difference in the price in September as compared with that in December? Furthermore, if this be the real explanation, would Mr. Waddell kindly inform the public why, when this item was referred to on the additional estimates, he gave this explanation ('Hansard,' December 11, 5431):—'I must frankly admit that when I was asked to put this large amount on the additional estimates I felt very much annoyed. I can honestly and truthfully say that these amounts were not left off in order to make the finances come out better, but it was a pure mistake that they were not included in the Estimates in Chief.' Now, was it a mistake, or was it due to an utterly unexpected rise in the price of commodities?

In drawing attention to the fact that at the end of January there was £11,000 less than nothing in the Treasury, and that all the trust moneys had been spent, I mentioned by way of explanation of the disappearance of the trust moneys that they had been used to make good the debits of the loan and consolidated revenue accounts of £4,632,000 and £1,265,000 respectively. To this Mr. Waddell replies: 'Well, the Reid Government overdrew the loan account £1,550,000.' To a member of a Government accustomed to think in millions the difference between an overdraft of a million and a half and one three times as great is only the difference between tweedledum and tweedledee. It is so small as not to be worth mentioning. The crux of the case against the Government under this head is not that they overdrew the loan account, but that they had by the end of January not a penny to meet any possible demand that might have been made for repayment of trust moneys. Fortunately at the end of February the receipt of £1,200,000 on loan account relieved the position greatly.

In conclusion I would like to say in reply to some general remarks by the Treasurer that my letter did not purport to be a comprehensive criticism of the Government's financing. It simply dealt with one aspect of the case, viz., specific instances in which the Government had been guilty of want of candour, the suppressio veri, unstraightforwardness, and gross recklessness—all of which things are calculated to adversely influence the mind of people from whom we seek to borrow."

LATE SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—March 19.

Coomonderry, s., 147 tons, Captain S. Canty, from South Coast ports. J. Aubin and Son, agents.

Electra, s., 395 tons, Captain A. Forbes, from Manning River. North Coast S. N. Co., Ltd., agents.

SECOND EDITION

SILVER.

LONDON, March 18.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 1s 10 7-16d per ounce standard.

THE R.M.S. ORONTES AT FREMANTLE.

FREMANTLE, Wednesday.

The R.M.S. Orontes arrived at 11.15 a.m., and sailed at 6 p.m. for Adelaide. Her passengers are:—

For Fremantle: Mr. and Mrs. Peterkin, the Rev. Mr. Rennie and Mrs. Rennie, Mr. and Mrs. Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. Heikie, Mr. and Mrs. Eggleson, Mr. and Miss Henriques, Messrs. Eberhard, Baker (two), Gower, Jack, Minnich, Miss Fox, Mr. Croft, Mrs. and Miss Newman.

For Adelaide: The Rev. A. B. Portman and Mr. Reithar.

For Melbourne: Mesdames Campbell, Moore and family, Howes, and Sutton, Misses Campbell, Little, De Rougemont, M'Kewer (2), Cooke, Sutton, Orchard, Ross, and Robinson, Messrs. F. B. Gibbons, Holding, Hunt, Isaacson, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, Mr. Black, Mr. and Mrs. Jameson, Mr. M'Keever, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and child, Messrs. Pearse and Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. Solomons, Mr. and Mrs. Ware and child.

For Sydney: Mr. and Mrs. Balthrop, Mr. R. Boyce, Mrs. Coy and child, Mr. and Mrs. Ciensby, Mr. and Mrs. Couldeny and child, Mrs. Coxon and child, Mr. and Mrs. Crawley and child, Mr. and Mrs. G. Downe, Mr. and Miss Essor, Miss L. N. Fraser, Messrs. Knowles, Lewis, and J. B. MacDonald, Misses MacDonald (2), Messrs. A. L. Muggeridge, O'Mahony, Cambray, and Reynolds, Miss Ascho, Mr. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Hurley and child, Mr. and Mrs. Marguett, Mr. J. M. Smith, Mr. Stawegall, the Rev. L. Lillington, Mr. Parry, Mr. Partridge, Mrs. and Miss Pearson, Mr. C. M. Percy, Miss Percy, Mrs. Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Ruddock, Mr. J. Anderson, Dr. J. J. Abears, Mr. Abears and child, Mr. and Mrs. Appleton, Mr. Back, Messrs. Barker (2), Cole, Mrs. Donovan and child, Mr. E. Drummond, Mrs. Gallop, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Thurnham, Mr. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. M'Ilwraith and child, the Rev. M. P. Malone, Messrs. Parker, Bridge, Glance, Shield, Mrs. Urquhart, Mrs. Venn, Mr. E. F. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wilson, Messrs. Youatt, Ramage, Rogers, Ryland, Sewell, G. Smith, Solomons, Wilcox, Dr. Guthrie, the Rev. Mr. Moncton, Misses Robin, Anderson, Handbury, Howard, Wilson, Preston, Snelling, and Westall, Mr. G. Musgrove's company, Messrs. A. Buckley, A. Ford, Lithbury, A. Cox, and C. King, Misses M. Milton, D. Reynold, and Mrs. King, Mr. J. C. Williamson's company, Messrs. G. Desmond, G. Eddons, Jarman, Mrs. Geddes, Misses Kingston, Munro, and Pearson, Master Shield.

There are 70 passengers in the third class.

AUSTRALASIAN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The 440 Yards and the Plunging Championships of Australasia were contested at Booroodabin Baths, Brisbane, to-night. The 440 Yards Championship was won by R. Cavill (N.S.W.) by 10 yards from R. R. Craig (N.S.W.), with J. Hamilton (N.Z.) third, and Honeyman (Q.) fourth. Cavill's time was 5m. 47 1-5s.

The Plunging Championship of Australasia was won by Hamilton (N.Z.), with 58ft. 11½in, John Colclough (Q.) being second with 56ft. 10¼in, and W. Brett (Q.) third with 56ft. 3in.

FIRE AT SURRY HILLS.

About 1 o'clock this morning a fire occurred in a grocer's shop in Albion-street, Surry Hills, occupied by H. Sinclair. Detachments from headquarters George-street West, William-street, Paddington, and Redfern stations arrived in answer to the alarm, and getting three hydrants to work soon had the flames extinguished. The contents, roof, and floors of the building, which is constructed of brick and iron, were damaged by fire and water. The contents of the premises next door, which were occupied by John Bennett as a greengrocer, were damaged by water and removal.

QUEENSLAND.

STATE POLITICS.

REARRANGEMENT OF PORTFOLIOS.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

At the conclusion of a Cabinet meeting held to-day the Premier was questioned regarding the vacancy created by Mr. O'Connell's death, but said he was unable to give information until the necessary action had been taken by the Governor. It is understood in political circles, however, that under the rearrangement of the Cabinet the Home Secretary will probably become Minister for Lands, a position that he held on a previous occasion. The Premier will probably take over the Home Secretary's office, in addition to that of Chief Secretary. It is possible that some change may be made regarding the administration of the Mines Department.

Up to the present £325,000 have been subscribed out of £600,000 worth of Treasury bills recently issued to the public.

DISTRESSED ABORIGINES.

The northern protector of aborigines, who is now in Brisbane, has received a telegram from Burketown stating that as the result of floods near Burketown about 90 aboriginals will require relief, as they cannot procure food.

THEATRICAL COMPANIES BY THE ORONTES.

PERTH, Wednesday.

Among the passengers by the Orontes to-day were the members of Mr. Edward Lloyd's Concert Company, also members of Mr. J. C. Williamson's "Are You a Mason?" Company, and members of Mr. George Musgrove's "Midsummer Night's Dream" Company. The two lastnamed combinations continued the voyage to Melbourne. The members of Mr. Lloyd's company wait in Perth the arrival of Mr. Lloyd, who comes on in the China.

THE WEATHER.

Fine weather was experienced yesterday, and the temperatures generally were high for the present period of the year. A few light showers fell in the south during the course of Tuesday night, the registrations being Kiama 18 points, Ulladulla 8, Nowra 6, and Bowral 2. Smooth seas were running along the coast last night, and light to fresh N.E. winds prevailed.

Mr. Russell predicts warm and unsettled weather for to-day, with scattered thunderstorms partial to the northern districts. The winds will be from the direction of north-east.

Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co. have received the following advice:—"Warbreccan, Jundah, Q.: 66 points of rain."

SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY.

At yesterday's meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage a report was received from the engineer-in-chief for the week ended the 14th instant, giving the daily average consumption of water from the Prospect reservoir as 18,446,000 gallons, as against 21,813,000 during the same period of the previous year, and 20,190,000 during the week ended the 7th instant. The average daily consumption from the storage reservoir at Manly for the week ended the 14th instant was 231,851 gallons, as against 230,459 during the week ended the 7th instant.

A large specimen of centipede alleged to have passed through a water tap at Paddington was exhibited at the meeting. It had been sent to the curator of the Australian Museum, who gave the following information in response to inquiries from the board:—The natural habitat of the centipede was not in water, but on the ground under loose stones, bark, and old timber, and sometimes about the walls of country houses. If it obtained entry to a water main or pipe it could not possibly thrive. Personally, he did not believe that this insect ever came through the tap in question. Even supposing it had survived the battering it must have received in travelling through some miles of pipes, the final action of going through the tap must have dismembered it. What was much more likely was that the centipede crawled into the mouth of the tap and was flushed out when the water was turned on.

STATE POLITICS.

THE TAMWORTH VACANCY.

THREE CANDIDATES MENTIONED.

TAMWORTH, Wednesday.

Mr. T. Thrower has been selected by the labour party to contest the Tamworth seat at the bye election. Mr. W. Webster, M.L.A., who revisited Tamworth this morning, made an announcement to that effect. There are two other candidates so far announced—namely, Mr. D. B. Todd, who is an opponent of the present Government, and Mr. G. A. M. Nankervis, who has been selected to represent the People's Reform League. The only candidate, however, who has announced himself through the press is Mr. Todd.

THE LABOUR CANDIDATE.

MR. T. H. THROWER SELECTED.

Word was received yesterday from Tamworth that Mr. Thomas H. Thrower, the secretary of the Sydney Labour Council, had been selected to contest the Tamworth bye-election in the interests of labour. Mr. Thrower left for the electorate last night. Arrangements are being made for several members of the Labour party to assist him in the campaign. The selected candidate is well known in the labour movement, having for three years in succession held the office of president of the Sydney Labour Council, and was at one time secretary of the Eight-hours Demonstration committee. He has had a lengthy association with unionism, more especially in connection with the furniture trade.

THE DROUGHT.

THE LORD MAYOR'S FUND.

The fund is controlled by a committee of citizens. The honorary treasurers are Messrs. George Maiden, Frank Grimley, and J. Randal Carey, and the honorary secretaries are Messrs. Thomas Nesbitt (town clerk) and H. C. Brierley, A.I.A.V. Communications addressed to the honorary secretaries, Vickery's-chambers, 82 Pitt-street, will receive prompt attention. The amounts received on account of this fund to date are as follow:—

	£	s	d
Amount previously acknowledged ...	11,790	2	10
Officers and employees Public Works Department (third instalment) ...	100	0	0
Newcastle committee (first instalment) ...	50	0	0
Bowral committee (second instalment) ...	20	0	0
Parramatta committee (second instalment), £10 1s 1d; offertory, King's School, £2 19s 6d ...	13	0	7
Lakey and Nicklin ...	5	5	0
St. Paul's Church, Cobbity ...	4	17	9
Benjamin Crowe, Hensley, Adaminaby ...	3	3	0
Department Public Works, per James Dymock, Dredge Alcides ...	2	10	0
P. G. Cooley ...	2	2	0
Alexander Bruce, Chatswood ...	2	2	0
Masonic Lodge Unity, No. 32 ...	2	2	0
L.O.L. Rule Britannia, No. 45, Wollongong ...	1	17	6
Wingello Progress Association ...	1	5	0
Masonic Lodge St. John, Cootamundra, No. 124 ...	1	1	0
Mrs. M. M. Barney ...	1	1	0
Masonic Lodge St. Clair, No. 47, Adelong ...	1	1	0
Masonic Lodge La Stella D'Italia ...	1	1	0
Narrabeen Progress Association ...	1	1	0
Methodist Sunday School, Croydon ...	1	1	0
Theophilus Carolus ...	1	0	0
William Keech ...	0	10	6
Arthur Hue, per "S. and S. Journal" ...	0	10	0
Per Rev. E. Clayton, Springwood—Emmanuel Church, Lawson, additional, 4s 6d; Christ Church, Springwood, additional, 3s 6d ...	0	8	0
(Making a total for the Springwood Parish, £10 1s 11d.)			
L. M'Lachlan ...	0	5	0
Mrs. Richardson per Miss Suttor ...	0	5	0
David, Lucy, Isabel, and Mrs. Lindsay ...	0	5	0
T. Sheridan ...	0	2	6
Sydney Harbour Trust, second instalment—Captain Pritchard, Deputy Harbour Master, £1 1s; Captain Hay, Assistant Harbour Master, £1 1s; J. Hamilton, Superintendent of Dredges, £1 1s; D. Sheridan, 10s 6d; T. M. Stepen, 10s; H. V. Vernon, 12s 6d; T. Murphy, 10s 6d; T. Shoughnessy, 10s; M. M'Kenzie, 10s 6d; H. A. Hennings, 10s 6d; J. C. Henderson, 10s 6d; W. Shore, 10s 6d; amounts under 10s, £24 0s 6d ...	31	19	0
Nowra Committee, first instalment ...	17	14	6
Street collections (acknowledged yesterday, £1269 16s 4d) Newtown, £91 17s 5d; Petersham, £133 14s 9d; Marrickville, £69 14s 11d; Parramatta, £61 19s 5d ...	347	6	9
(Total to date, £1617 3s 1d).			
For Ladies' Committee—Mrs. Alexander, per Mrs. S. Maiden ...	0	10	0
(Total ladies' collections, including street collections, to date, £1819 15s 7d.)			
Department of Public Health—Dr. J. Ashburton Thompson, £5 5s; Dr. R. J. Millard, £3 3s; Dr. W. Peiros, £3; E. Stanley, £2 2s; G. H. King, £1 1s; Dr. G. N. Taylor, £1 1s; Dr. C. V. Bowker, £1 1s; Dr. E. S. Stokes, £1 1s; Dr. W. B. Violette, £1 1s; Dr. W. G. Armstrong, £1 1s; Dr. R. A. M. Fox, £1 1s; Dr. R. U. Russell, £1; W. M. Hamlet, £1 1s; F. V. Blomfield, £1 1s; T. G. Doyle, £1 1s; E. P. Foster, £1 1s; J. F. M'Eachran, £1; H. Bowker, £1; F. Rivett, 5s; Head Office Staff, £4 5s; Quarantine Staff, £1 5s 6d; Coast Hospital Staff, £6 ...	39	16	6
Newtown Committee (first instalment) ...	60	16	9
(Total Newtown, including street collection, £152 14s 5d)			
	£12,506	4	2

MELBA CHARITY MATINEE.

THE GREAT SINGER'S FAREWELL.

There was a great attendance at Mme. Melba's Charity Matinee yesterday. When his Excellency the Governor and Lady Rawson arrived at 3 o'clock the Town Hall, though not over crowded, was well filled, the only exception being the choir seats, which were not occupied. The concert generally, owing to the preponderance of ladies, moved quietly along, but the great singer herself always excited enthusiasm, and the audience, quite rightly, singled out Signorina Sassoli as worthy of applause. When Mme. Melba made her entrance she looked especially well in a picture-hat with a mauve feather, and a costume of mousseline de soie over a sea-green silk foundation, hand-painted with pale purple wistaria, and richly adorned with lace. The diva opened with her now familiar rendering of "Ah fors e lui," flawless in the expressive character of its brilliant vocalisation, to which the encore was "Robin Adair." The perfect simplicity and repose which mark Mme. Melba's style were touchingly in evidence at this point, and again in Mozart's immortal melody, "Voi Che Sapete." Then came Bemberg's "Nymphes et Sylvains," and after that, as encore, "Three Green Bonnets." Mme. Melba introduced this little ballad in Australia, and the gentle pathos with which she imbues it will cause her to be gratefully remembered by it when some of her more brilliant efforts have fallen into oblivion. At the end of the concert the star soprano sang Massenet's "Sevillana," with Tosti's "Goodbye" as encore. There was very little else that called for comment. Mr. Arthur Mason's transcription from "La Boheme" for grand organ formed a captivating contribution, and Signorina Sassoli, whilst showing increased power, proved as brilliant as ever in her "Nordishe Ballade" (Poenitz). The encore was Rubinstein's "Une Larme." Mr. Walter Kirby, who has a pure tenor voice of pleasing quality, lacks distinction of style, but he was encored for two clever and refined pieces, "Morning" and "Evening," by Landon Ronald, when he added Denza's "May Morning." Miss Elva Rogers, a light contralto, with an as yet imperfectly-trained voice, sang Saint Saens' "Mon coeur s'ouvre a ta voix" without making any especial impression. Miss Natalie Dawson was the accompanist.

Thus the farewell appearance of Mme. Melba was identified with a generous movement in the cause of charity. The diva has travelled far and wide here, and that the terrible bareness of the drought-stricken land at once appealed to her sympathies will be apparent to all who remember her remarks on the subject published in the "Herald" on September 19 last. It is, indeed, exactly six months to-day since Mme. Melba arrived in Sydney from the United States, and during that half-year the great singer has established new financial records all along the line. Yesterday she closed her achievements in this city by realising the largest sum that has ever been raised by a charity concert. Last August the Sydney Amateur Orchestral Society and Miss Amy Castles united in drawing £450 at the Town Hall, of which Mr. J. C. Williamson was able to hand over the large proportion of £375 to the Mount Kembla Disaster Fund. The Melba matinee yesterday drew just under £700, representing an attendance of about 2800 persons. Mr. T. P. Hudson, manager, estimates the probable expenses at £85, so that not less than £600 will be paid over to the fund.

At the conclusion of yesterday's matinee Mme. Melba received a deputation of ladies, including Miss Woolley, Mrs. Todd, and others, who desired to thank her for her generous interest in the Lord Mayor's Drought Fund. The diva personally presented each of the ladies with flowers, and was evidently gratified. Later Mme. Melba left by express for Melbourne, where she sings her farewell at the Exhibition Building on March 28. Her party included Signora and Signorina Sassoli, her brother-in-law (Mr. T. A. Patterson), and Mr. George Musgrove. The concert and theatrical staff of the last-named was ably assisted at the concert by the Town Hall staff under Mr. Carrick (Lord Mayor's orderly). Mr. T. P. Hudson had the entire controlling direction of affairs, with the result that the mistakes made at the first Melba concerts were avoided. Moreover, the people arrived in excellent time, so that everything passed off with the utmost smoothness.

DROUGHT RELIEF FUND.

The Lord Mayor's Drought Relief Fund is showing the capacity of a rolling snowball in snow for growing. It has now reached a total of £12,506 4s 2d, while the street collections, which it had been feared by many would not reach £1000, now stand at £1617 3s 1d. The most notable increase to the street collection yesterday was provided by the Marrickville collection of £69 14s 11d, Petersham £133 14s 9d, Parramatta £61 19s 5d, and Newtown £91 17s 5d. A Nowra effort has realised £17 14s 6d.

Mr. H. C. Brierley, one of the hon. secretaries, was seen in regard to a resolution of the Willoughby Council condemnatory of the Hospital Saturday committee and couched in the following terms:—"That this council places upon record its disapproval of the action of the Hospital Saturday committee in refusing the Drought Fund committee the use of its collection boxes, thereby necessitating an avoidable expenditure of £40 of charitably subscribed money." Mr. Brierley deprecated the feeling manifested in the carrying of this resolution, and said that he hoped that the Willoughby Council's action would not be copied in other quarters. Any feeling of retaliation against the Hospital Saturday committee should not be countenanced, as it might do serious harm to the Hospital Saturday effort in May next. The Hospital Saturday committee's action from their point of view might be entirely justified, and any condemnation could do no good, while it might do a lot of harm. The ladies who had assisted in the street collection for the drought relief had been approached by the committee and asked to assist in the collecting on Hospital Saturday, and he believed the response would be most gratifying to the Hospital Saturday committee. He trusted that the matter would be allowed to drop.

The Mayor of Forbes yesterday sent the following message to the committee:—"Several urgent cases here wanting immediate relief. Will you send me £100 to distribute on provisions and clothes?"

The secretary of the Walgett Progress Committee wired:—"In order to assist the aims and objects of the central committee and Lord Mayor's Relief Fund the following gentlemen are appointed a local committee to meet once a week: Police Inspector Pountney, Mr. Sweet (inspector of conditional purchases), and Messrs. Wanstone, Wright, Clarke, Gliss, and Humphries. We apply for a grant of £300 as there are several extreme cases of distress which should, if possible, be relieved immediately; large district; almost every animal lost through drought, and a deal of distress has been caused by the typhoid epidemic."

Several Canterbury ladies yesterday paid a visit to the Belmore Coursing Plumpton, and levied upon lovers of coursing to a satisfactory extent. The ladies soon learned when the most favourable moments came to approach the backers of winning dogs, and the response by the willing victims was decidedly good. As soon as a man was seen to approach a bookmaker to draw a wager he was waylaid and besought to deliver up a tithe. He invariably complied.

In connection with the Bruce auction, which is to be held soon, the committee have found that if they utilised the basement of the Town Hall for the receipt of gifts in kind they will have to incur a fire risk for the Town Hall. The insurance companies interested were approached on the subject, and they have announced that a charge of 1s per cent. on the building, and 2s per cent. on the contents per annum would be sufficient premium to cover their risk, and the total cost for six weeks' storage would be £4 11s 10d. The committee has accepted the responsibility of paying the premium. Contributions in kind have already been received, and the committee will shortly invite others.

Mrs. Ethel Curlewis, who has taken an active part in the drought relief efforts, has written to the committee in respect to the receipt of second-hand clothing. The committee, however, has no desire to accept the responsibility of looking after and sorting second-hand clothing, although recognising its value to the settlers in distress, and they, therefore, would prefer the clothing to be sent direct to the Mayors of the country towns in the droughty country. It would be obviously impossible for the committee in Sydney to deal with clothing promptly and satisfactorily, and it is thought that Dorcas societies in the country towns might well assist by taking charge of the clothing and apportioning it where it is most needed. A good deal of clothing has already been sent to the country, and it has proved to be most welcome.

The Palace Theatre entertainment is now being arranged by Mrs. Eckersteen. Messrs. Willoughby and Geach have placed their theatre at the disposal of the performers on March 28. The "Players" will produce "The Ironmaster," and Miss Nellie Stewart and the Palace company will assist. The box plan opens at Paling's on Monday.

ASSISTANCE FROM ALEXANDRIA.

At a meeting of ladies resident in Alexandria, held in the local Town Hall and presided over by the Mayor (Alderman Ralph), it was resolved to hold a vocal and instrumental entertainment in the Town Hall, Alexandria, on Friday, April 3. Mesdames George Anderson and J. R. Dacey were appointed hon. secretaries, the Mayoress president, and the Mayor hon. treasurer. Collecting books were distributed, and no doubt a large sum will be netted.

FORBES, Wednesday.

The hairdressers' art union, in aid of the distressed farmers' fund, realised £15.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the Drought Relief Committee this evening it was decided to remit the first instalment of £50 to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday.

At the last meeting of the Cabramatta Council it was decided to inform the Government that the council, having in view the great distress caused by the drought, has made a special effort to grant £50 to relieve the unemployed labour in the district, provided the Government grants a similar amount.

WALGETT, Wednesday.

The Drought Relief Committee yesterday resolved to apply to the executive of the Lord Mayor's Fund for a grant of £300 to relieve those settlers in the district who through drought and sickness were in indigent circumstances.

WEST WYALONG, Wednesday.

A meeting of the distressed farmers' committee was held at Wyalong last night. Mr. F. Neeld was appointed chairman and Mr. V. Manning secretary. The committee has received £100 and intends disposing of it. The West Wyalong Progress Committee has also received £100 for distribution among distressed farmers.

"A Widow" writes urging that the Government should grant assistance to farmers by way of chaff loans. "Without this," she adds, "we certainly cannot sow the seed this season. This is a very serious matter for us who have to undergo terrible troubles in the country. I know that we take it most seriously, and so will the city and the whole State by-and-bye if we cannot get help to sow our paddocks. I was one of those who hoped to help myself, and applied for a loan from the Advances to Settlers' Board. It took them three months to find out that they must refuse my application. My land is a conditional purchase and conditional lease. I have laid out in it, in improvements and instalments paid to the Crown, nearly £2000, and it is not considered worth advancing me £700 to £800. Yet when my husband died the Government, for probate duty, were willing to value it at £1700. Although I have spent more money in improvements the land is set down as being of less value. And I would like to know what is being done with our £2 application fees. I am now applying for seed wheat and fodder, but if it takes as long to get it as the advances to settlers our horses will be dead, and we shall be I hardly know where."

VICTORIAN POLITICS.

REFORM IN THE COUNCIL.

CONFERENCE OF MANAGERS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The conference between the managers of both Houses was resumed this evening. Great interest was manifested by members of both Houses, who were present in considerable numbers. The discussion was resumed on clause 31, providing means for settling deadlocks.

Sir H. Cuthbert maintained that the Houses had worked very well together for 20 years, and that it was for those who sought to change the existing state of things to show that a change was necessary.

Mr. Mackey asked whether the council was to be the sole legislative Upper House which was not to be subject to deadlock provisions. He pointed out that there had not been power to create new members in New South Wales federation might never have been accomplished, and asked the Council managers to accept the view that the adoption of the scheme for settling deadlocks would really strengthen the Upper House, because it would, so to speak, draw the teeth of any future agitation against it.

Mr. Fitzgerald submitted that the framers of the Constitution had provided adequate means for calling members to account if they failed in their duty. The electors were the constitutional judges of the actions of their representatives. Their verdict was better than any mechanical means of settlement. He argued that the introduction of mechanical means for settling deadlocks was un-English, and would subject the minority to a humiliation which would prevent the harmonious working of the Houses.

Mr. Treawith said that they had better understand the point at issue. Were 176,000 electors to have more power than 24,000?

Mr. Bent, in the course of an outspoken address, said that there were many things said by the Council managers which he approved of and by the Assembly managers which he disapproved of. He hoped that both sides would yield a little. He favoured a £10 qualification for electors and £50 for members.

Mr. Shiels intimated that Mr. Bent was not speaking on behalf of the Assembly members.

Mr. Bent said that he expressed his own views, and did not care whether Mr. Shiels liked it or not. He believed that Mr. Irvine had done all that mortal man could to bring about a settlement. He had not confined managers to Government men, but had gone to the Opposition, even choosing gentlemen who had opposed the third reading.

Mr. Shiels (angrily): You have no right to say that. It is most improper.

Mr. Bent maintained that he had a right to express his opinion, and concluded by a fervid appeal to members to sink party considerations, and endeavour not to separate without a settlement.

After the refreshment hour the conference did not meet till 8.15, the managers of both sides meanwhile conferring in private. On resuming Mr. Embling (Legislative Council) contended that though the majority of members were returned to the Assembly in favour of reform they were returned chiefly for economic reform.

The Premier interjected that they were returned in favour of the Government proposals.

Mr. Embling pointed out that the Council had to conserve the interests of the electors who paid the greater portion of the taxation—indeed, 900 of them paid one-third of the direct taxation. He reviewed the concessions offered by the Council, and maintained that they were as liberal as could possibly be expected.

Mr. M'Kinnon (Legislative Assembly) thought that the Council managers unduly exaggerated the effect of the double dissolution and magnified the danger, if such there was. He claimed that property was as safe in South Australia where they had the dissolution as in Victoria, and reminded members that the Parliament of that State was never anxious to put the provision into force. He condemned the double electorates as cumbrous and expensive for election purposes, and urged the Council managers to accept the single electorates.

Mr. Melville (Legislative Council) pointed out that seven Council members represented 59,864 electors, and the Assembly managers only 23,760, so if they were going to work on the vox populi principle the Council representation must have full force.

Sir A. Peacock (Legislative Assembly) wished to know whether the Council did not intend to reply to the offer made the previous evening by the Premier. He urged them to seriously consider the situation.

Mr. Fitzgerald (Legislative Council) thought they should get back to the finality clauses.

Mr. Irvine (Legislative Assembly) thought that the joint sitting by itself would be dangerous. It would enable members to save their skins by not facing a dissolution.

Mr. Wynne (Legislative Council) suggested that they should have a joint sitting without a double dissolution on all bills excepting taxation and constitutional matters.

The Assembly managers retired to consider Mr. Wynne's proposal. On returning the Premier said that the Assembly managers were afraid the proposal would not prove a real solution of the difficulty. It would not provide for finality or any approach to it, and while not safeguarding legislation from impulsive majorities would enable members to safeguard themselves from going to their constituents. However, they would give the matter further consideration. Meanwhile he asked for the Council's constitutional objections to single electorates.

Sir H. Cuthbert said the Council managers thought the Assembly would not press minor matters if the Council conceded a modified joint sitting.

Mr. Irvine said he had always regarded single electorates as a most vital question.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated the Council's constitutional objections at length, which were based on fundamental grounds.

The Premier regretted Mr. Fitzgerald's no surrender attitude.

After further brief discussion the conference was adjourned at 11 o'clock till the following day.

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LAND AND PRODUCE

COLONEL HOME'S CANAL SCHEME.

Mr. J. E. Warby (Billinbah, Narrandera) writes:—The Government paid Colonel Home a very large fee to inspect and report as to the practicability of an irrigation scheme in New South Wales, and after a thorough examination he reported that to build a reservoir at the head of the Murrumbidgee, a weir just below the Yanco Creek, and cut a canal through the Riverina Plains, with a branch to Wanganella on the south, and another to Hay on the north, was without doubt the best scheme in this State. The Government surveyed the canal, and pigeon-holed the report. It has remained in the receptacle for years, while two-thirds of our sheep have died for the want of this most important work being carried out. Now the drought is still with us, and there is not the slightest sign of it breaking up—it may break up any day, and it may last for years. There is positive evidence of a drought previous to the year 1851 having lasted five years longer than this.

BULLOCKS FATTENED ON SORGHUM.

In the midst of this drought, when the country is as a whole as destitute of grass as the principal thoroughfares in Sydney, I have fattened two trucks of bullocks on irrigated sorghum grown at Billinbah, 20 miles west of Narrandera. They will be sold at Homebush by Messrs. Pitt, Son, and Badgery. People interested should see these bullocks, which afford the best evidence of what could be done if Colonel Home's canal scheme were carried out. I trust the Minister for Works may inspect these cattle, for their condition under the circumstances might supply him with a key to the unemployed problem. Irrigation works and subsequent developments would provide profitable work for every member of the workless army. I am aware financiers are sick of lending money to build unprofitable railways; but I am confident that were this scheme placed before them in a proper manner the money would be forthcoming without going outside the State. Of course this work would have to be done by public contract. Labour would have to be unshackled; supply and demand regulating the price as of any other commodity. I trust our public men will give this matter their most earnest consideration, and use every endeavour to bring it before Parliament at the first possible date, as no work carried out hitherto would be one tithe as productive as this canal scheme. It would virtually add a new province to the State, and would give permanent employment to many people, and would largely increase production from the soil.

HOMESTEAD LEASES.

On the statement of our reporter, who recently toured the drought-stricken districts, to the effect that the farmers who are mostly in want are men who were put on the land on easy terms, many of whom did not know much about farming, Mr. John Flanagan, of Gunbar, writes to the effect that farmers will endorse this view. At the same time he points out that, in his opinion, Mr. Carruthers' Homestead Leases Act did not convey the negotiable title which settlers were led to expect. Mr. Flanagan says that the lessees were encouraged to believe that their title would be a realisable asset, but soon found that it was impossible to tide over bad seasons by raising money on the land they occupied. The position of leaseholders generally was, he maintains, improved to a great extent by the action of the present Government, which granted re-appraisement. The homestead lessees should have the right to purchase their holdings by instalments, and thus secure a negotiable title without which only men of capital could carry on in bad years, in fact, had the lessees held securities there would have been no need for the Lord Mayor's Fund as far as they were concerned. This question of title, our correspondent holds, is a highly important one, for the average beginner on new land usually exhausts his slender resources before his place can be made to pay, and must seek assistance in order to improve his holding and render it profitable.

CASTLE HILL SHOW.

The annual show under the auspices of the Castle Hill and District Agricultural and Horticultural Association was opened on Wednesday at the Castle Hill Showground. The attendance was fairly good. The show was officially opened by Mr. B. B. O'Conor, M.L.A. for the district, who apologised for the absence of the Minister for Agriculture and Mr. G. H. Reid, M.P. In declaring the show open Mr. O'Conor said that, considering the very unfavourable season, the display of fruit came as a very great surprise. The pleasing situation was that, notwithstanding the adverse conditions, the growers were showing a determination to fight nature to a finish, and it was only when the last ray of hope had departed that they would give in. If anyone talked about the country not being in the throes of a severe drought they need not go to the interior. It was only necessary to go through his (the speaker's) electorate. He trembled to think of the hardships many of the growers had to face in the coming winter. All honour, he said, to those members who tried to get a remission of the fodder duties. There was a day of reckoning coming, and he asked them not to forget those who bravely fought for the abolition. (Cheers.) He had much pleasure in declaring the show open.

Senator Neild said that he had also to congratulate the growers on the excellent show. He coincided with Mr. O'Conor in his remarks regarding the fodder duties. Federation was promised to herald in every kind of brotherly feeling, but he did not see any advantage in a federation that enabled some States to obtain wealth at the expense of other States.

Mr. Joseph Cook said he had to heartily congratulate the association on what he had seen. It was an evidence of enterprise that was not even to be put down by the drought.

Mr. T. R. Moxham, M.L.A., also spoke in congratulatory terms.

THE EXHIBITS.

The exhibits right through compared most favourably with the shows of former years, and in the fruit section there was a grand display. The principal prizewinners in this section were:—A. Anlezark, E. E. Gilbert, A. J. James, H. G. Black, S. J. Moore, W. Schwebel, E. W. Moulds, A. Allsopp, C. Booth, W. and S. Fagan, R. Roberts, and S. M. Black.

For the best collection of citrus fruits Messrs. W. and S. Fagan were placed first, Mr. H. G. Black second, and Mr. S. E. Allen third. For the best collection of summer fruits W. and S. Fagan were awarded first, H. G. Black second, and R. Roberts third.

The bottled fruit section was an exceptionally good one, A. J. James, E. E. Gilbert, Mrs. H. Shayler, Miss M. Williams, Mrs. E. Gilbert staging some fine samples of bottled fruits and jams.

In farm produce Messrs. J. E. Black, T. Anlezark, L. Greentree, S. J. Black, A. E. Bellamy, and C. J. Moore exhibited good samples of hay, maize, &c.

The vegetable section was also well up to the standard of former shows, T. Anlezark, S. J. Black, B. Kentwell, A. E. Bellamy, G. A. Muir, E. W. Moulds, M. Horan, C. J. Moore, W. Booth, and W. and S. Fagan being the most successful exhibitors.

The poultry section was fair, and some good birds were shown by A. Hancock, J. Hemsworth, Harold Power, J. A. Bowerman, A. Wood, R. H. Lalor, L. Greentree, E. W. Moulds, and R. St. John Tucker. In the non-competitive section Mr. A. E. Mars en showed a splendid exhibit of locally-made saddlery and harness ware. The horse section was very well represented, and there was keen competition in several of the sections. Following are the awards:—Hist. hack: G. Elliott's c g, 1; J. Callinan's b g Maple, 2. Hist. hack: J. Toohey's Prince, 1; G. A. Terry's Larry, 2. Lady's hack: W. H. Allen's Rainbow, 1; J. Toohey's Prince, 2. Lady's hack, owned by a resident in the electorates of Sherbrooke, Parramatta, Willoughby, or Ryde: W. H. Allen's Rainbow, 1; J. Toohey's Prince, 2. Galloway hack: E. A. Flook's Bristol Bill 1; J. C. Hunt's Bobs, 2. Pony hack, ridden by boys under 15: M. Roddan's Lady Chester, 1; F. Savage's Linett, 2. Pony hack, ridden by girls under 15: S. J. Moore's Browny, 1; G. W. Eaton's Billy, 2. Gelding or mare, most suitable for double-seated buggy: W. J. M'Vicar's Bob, 1; Maurice Brown's Pytchley, 2. Gelding or mare, most suitable for single-seated buggy: W. H. Allen's Rainbow, 1; E. W. A. Pearce's Tam Bonus, 2. Gelding or mare, most suitable for a sulky: A. Wood's Commodore, 1; S. J. Moore, 2. Active draught gelding or mare: B. Gillingan's Sambo, 1; G. C. E. Stranger's Jake, 2. Springcart horse: A. Cowan's Graystring, 1; S. E. Allen's Larry, 2. Single lorry horse: W. H. Tuckwell's Prince, 1; Maurice Brown's Prince, 2.

ARMIDALE SHOW.

ARMIDALE, Wednesday.

The Pastoral and Agricultural Society's show was opened to-day. The weather was fine, but the attendance only moderate. Considering the dry seasons, the exhibits were good all round, though scarcely so numerous in some sections as usual. The fat stock were very good, and all cattle sections fair. Horses all round were good, and the sheep were very high-class, but not numerous. There was a great display in machinery and farming implements, while produce was remarkable taking the season into consideration. The interparish exhibits of produce were a great success, and made a fine display for the Government prize of £20. Poultry, dogs, and pigs were well represented. Improvements made to the ground and buildings during the year proved very convenient. Many of the judges' awards will not be made public until the morning. Maiden Hunters' Jump was won by M'Donald's Grafton. To-morrow will be a public holiday when the attendance should be much larger. Following are some of the awards:—

Durham cattle: J. Moore and Co., 1; A. Faint, 2. Herefords: R. W. and C. E. White, 1; J. Moore and Co., 2. Champion prizes, bull and cow: R. W. and C. E. White. Devons: J. Moore and Co. Champion cow: T. P. Chisholm. Fat ox: F. J. White. Farmers' Durhams: John W. Sisson, 1; Walter Cooper, 2; C. Lasker, 3. Farmers' Herefords: J. Moore and Co., champion prizes for bull and cow. Farmers' Devons: T. P. Chisholm, champion prizes for bull and cow.

Sheep.—Merino: A. A. Dangar, 1, champion prizes for ram and ewes. Unhoused merinos, bred in New England: A. A. Dangar, champions for ram and ewe. Grand champion merino ram and ewe: A. A. Dangar. Coarse wool: Geo. Bower, 1; N. Jackes, 2; A. Holloway, 3. Fat sheep: H. F. Mitchell, A. Holloway, Geo. Bower, and W. Hay. Farmers' merinos: A. Faint, G. P. Jackes, R. Roberts. Farmers' coarse-woolled: G. Bower and Joseph Faint. Wool in grease: J. L. Mitchell.

Poultry.—James Chaffey, W. Y. Hook, H. H. Gordon, A. Bradley, Charles Simmons, Mrs. Summerville, H. Cahill, W. Rooke, E. Luney, C. Selwyn, E. F. Silcock, E. E. Upjohn, G. Morrell, J. W. Sisson, J. Weston, G. Fatler, George Cross, G. F. Rowland, J. Edstein, J. Herden. Pigeons: C. Selwyn, R. J. Andrew, Mrs. Dewhurst.

Agricultural Implements: Dewhurst Bros., T. W. Latler, E. Purkiss, Buggies: E. Purkiss, Dewhurst Brothers. Reaper and binder: Massey, Harris. Farming machinery: J. Martin and Co., J. and C. Howard, Massey, Harris, and Co., Clyde Engineering Co. Collection of agricultural implements and machinery: J. Martin and Co. Farm produce—White wheat: R. Roberts. Red wheat: B. Frost. Manitoba wheat: B. Frost. Any other wheat: J. Sewell. Collection of wheat in sheaf: George Hargrave. Barley: B. Frost, J. Ferris, and P. Short. Oats: J. J. Ferris, L. W. Jones, and James Sewell. Maize: W. H. Warner, J. Herden, W. C. Higinbotham, S. W. Jones, and J. Sewell. Chaff: R. Weston, J. M. Bone. Hay: James Faint and P. Short. Pumpkins: H. Hardman and W. Hiscox. Potatoes: J. W. Sisson and W. Purkiss. Collection of grass and agricultural seeds: P. Short and Martin. Vegetables: Sin Hong, S. W. Jones, John Cook, T. E. Biddle, P. Short, A. Post, and G. P. Jackes.

BLAYNEY SHOW.

A SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITION.

BLAYNEY, Wednesday.

The fifteenth show of the Blayney Pastoral and Agricultural Association since its reorganisation was opened to-day, in the presence of a small attendance. The exhibits of agricultural products eclipsed anything hitherto seen here, the accommodation in this department being altogether inadequate. Horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, and poultry were heavily represented. Despite the recent beneficial rains, considerable dust prevailed. In the horse section and ring events the judging is uncompleted. Following were the awards:—

Cattle. Durham bull: Beddie. Ditto, under 2 years: Beddie. Durham cow: W. J. M'Phillamy, 1; F. Mendham, 2. Durham heifer, under 2 years: M'Phillamy, 1; Beddie, 2. Hereford bull: Mendham, 1. Cow: Mendham, 1; Hamer, 2. Heifer, under 2 years: Mendham. Devon bull, under 2 years: M'Phillamy. Ditto, cow: M'Phillamy. Ditto, heifer, under 2 years: M'Phillamy. Ayrshire bull: T. Gordon. Ditto, under 2 years: D. Gordon. Ditto, cow: D. Gordon, 1; Hamer, 2. Jersey bull: A. Groening, 1; M'Phillamy, 2. Ditto, under 2 years: J. Batty, 1 and 2. Ditto, cow: Groening, 1; Beddie, 2. Ditto, heifer, under 2 years: Groening, 1; Batty, 2. Fat ox: M'Phillamy, 1; Mendham, 2. Fat cow: M'Phillamy. Bull: G. Death. Cow: F. Mendham. Pen fat bullocks: M'Phillamy, 1; Quigley, 2. Pen fat cows: M'Phillamy. Pen dairy cows: T. Gordon.

Merino ram, over 2½ years: F. R. Glasson. Ditto, under 1½ year: E. Webb and Co. Ewe, over 2½ years: F. R. Glasson. Ditto, under 2½ years: F. R. Glasson. Under 1½ year: F. R. Glasson. Ram, over 2½ years: Glasson and Glasson. Under 2½ years: F. R. Glasson. Under 1½ year: F. R. Glasson. Ewe, over 2½ years: E. Webb and Co. Under 2½ years: Glasson and Glasson. Under 1½ year: Glasson and Glasson. Ram, any age: Quigley. Ewe: Quigley. Lincoln ram, over 1½ year: G. Death. Ditto, under 1½ year: G. Death. Ewe, over 1½ year: Death. Ditto, under 1½ year: Death. Shropshire ram: B. A. Cutler. Ditto, ewe: B. A. Cutler. Southdown ram: D. Gordon. Pen of fat merino wethers: Glasson and Glasson. Pen of fat wethers: A. Judd. Pen of fat lambs: T. Walkom. Pen of fat wethers: Glasson and Glasson. Pen of five fine-wool ewes: F. R. Glasson. Pen of coarse-wool ewes: Walkom. Fat wether: A. Clements. Ewe: T. Walkom.

The principal winners in pigs were Clark, Marsh, Williams, Renault. In the poultry section the first prize winners were Wilson, Sherringham, Spratt, Bennett, Davis, Cardwell and Messervy, Dawson, Corkett, Chalson, Card, Smee, Lewis. Pigeons: First-prize winners—Ford, Corkett, Smith, Ellis, and Bowen. Special, native pigeons: Garwood. Dogs—Cattle: Lockman. Ditto slut: Chalson. Kelpie: Newell. Ditto slut: Matthews. Fox terrier: Shakespeare. Irish terrier: Reggie King. Greyhound: Payne. Ditto slut: Brooks.

Wheat: Batty, 1; Garlick, 2. Oats: Capps. Algerian oats: Batty, 1; Barker, 2. Oaten hay: Kable, 1. Sheaves: Kable. Wheaten hay, sheaves: Baker. Lucerne: Kable. Oaten chaff: Kable. Wheaten: Baker, 1; Cox, 2. Potatoes: Darrington, 1; Guinan, 2. Cape barley: Judd, 1. Maize: Cunningham. Rye: Renaut. Seed potatoes: Darrington, 1; Baker, 2. Best collection of farm produce: Gaden, 1; Cox, 2. Trivett and Marsh both exhibited, and the display was the largest seen here. In dairy home-made produce the prize-winners were:—Death, Ewin, Freeman Brothers, Hobson, Matthews, Beddie, Marsh, Tibbs, Marsh, Oliver, Gordon, Brooks, and Garlick. First prizes in vegetables went to Ling and Death, in flowers to Kefford, Matthews, Saunders, Rocke, Lewis, Marsh; in saddlery and harness to Black; horse-shoes, Marsh. There were a number of exhibits in fine arts, and also school exhibits.

The Minister for Lands was present to-day, but on account of the late arrival of the train, deputations and the opening of the show officially were delayed until to-morrow. A smoke social in honour of the Minister and visitors was held in the Town Hall to-night.

CAMDEN SHOW.

CAMDEN, Wednesday.

The show opened to-day under favourable circumstances, but most of the sections, owing to the dry seasons, were not up to the usual standard of excellence or quantity, but considering the adverse seasons the exhibition is creditable. Horses and cattle sections were represented by very fine animals, and hackneys are not lacking in their usual excellence. In the cattle sections some keen competition for the championship honours occurred, Picton and Camden appropriating the leading events. His Excellency the Governor, who is at present a guest at Camden Park, will be present at the show to-morrow to open it officially, and a very large attendance is anticipated. Awards:—

Horses.—Blood mare, 3 years and over: Gus Schneider, 1; Richards, 2. Mare, 2 years and under 3: Richards. Filly, 1 year and under 2: W. W. Bretton. Coaching stallion: John English, 1; Joseph Liggins, 2. Mare: W. Fenwick, 1; John English, 2. Mare, 3 years and under 4: F. Brockhauer, 1; Hawkey Brothers, 2. Fourteen hands pair buggy ponies: W. H. Anderson. Ditto, 13 hands: J. M'Intosh. Trotting stallion: C. H. Fitzgerald. Buggy gelding or mare: R. W. R. Fenton, 1; Dr. West, 2. Buggy gelding or mare, 15 hands or under: Mrs. E. R. M'Mullen, 1; Captain Larkin, 2. Sociable gelding or mare: E. Cross, jun., 1; W. H. Anderson, 2. Sulky gelding or mare, 15 hands or under: F. Sulway, 1; Dr. West, 2. Pony, 14 hands or under: John Phillips. Pony, 12.2 hands: W. Bramley. Galloway, 14.2 or under: W. H. Anderson. Pony, 14 hands, to be ridden: W. H. Anderson. Pony, 13 hands or under: M'Intosh Brothers.

Ayrshire bull, 3 years or over: R. H. Antill, 1 and champion; F. Moore, 2. Bull, 2 years or under: John E. Moore, 1; James Small, 2. Bull, under 2 years: Charles Axam, 1. Cow, 3 years or over: John E. Moore, 1 and champion; M'Intosh Brothers, 2. Cow, 2 years and under 3: John E. Moore. Heifer, under 2: R. H. Antill, 1 and champion. Ayrshire, male and champion female: R. H. Antill. Jersey bull, 3 years or over: Mrs. T. Vicary. Bull, 2 years and under 3: W. H. Anderson, 1 and champion. Cow, 3 years or over: G. F. Doyle. Cow, 2 years and under 3: C. R. G. M'Donald. Heifer, under 2: C. R. G. M'Donald. Champion Jersey, female: W. H. Anderson. Fat ox (electorate): T. W. Boardman. Fat ox, all comers: E. Small. Fat cow (electorate): T. W. Boardman. Fat cow, all comers: Thomas Scott. Pen 3 fat cows: F. W. A. Downes.

Sheep Section.—Fattest ewe, four fat sheep: E. Small. Pen fat merino sheep: W. G. Hayes. Pen fat merino sheep (electorate): E. Small. Fat lambs: E. Small.

Side-bearing oats: G. H. Dunbar. Malting barley: F. Brooks. Rye: W. H. Dunk. Yorkshire Hero peas: E. Small. Planters' friend: F. W. A. Downes. Shelled corn: R. Clemson. Large yellow maize: M. Dunn. Small yellow maize: F. W. A. Downes. French corn in cob: R. Clemson. Large white maize: S. Leggo. Collection corn in cob: S. Leggo. Different sorts corn on stalk: Joseph Pulling. Broom millet: W. Sidman. Collection roots and green fodder: F. W. A. Downes. Green lucerne hay: G. Baxter. Oaten hay: W. Jenkins. Wheaten hay: Frank Dengate. Oaten chaff: W. H. Dunk. Wheaten chaff: F. Dengate.

INVERELL SHOW.

AFFECTED BY THE DROUGHT.

INVERELL, Wednesday.

The twenty-seventh annual show of the Pastoral and Agricultural Association was opened to-day, the attendance numbering about 1000. The weather was fine and warm. The ground presented a brown, bare appearance, owing to the protracted dry weather, the dust being a disagreeable feature of the proceedings. With the exception of the horse section, the awards in which will be made to-morrow, the show is not up to the average. Sheep are not as numerous as in former years, although Messrs. Mullens and Haydon, of Scone, have a large number of exhibits. The quality of the exhibits is good, although some showed a lack of condition. Following are the awards:—

J. Anderson, of Newstead South, secured first in rams, six-tooth and over, and the grand champion for the merino ram bred in the district. He secured also the special prize for a ram bred by exhibitor with Victory, by Nelson, the reserved champion being exhibited by B. Haydon. Anderson was first in the four-tooth ram section with an exhibit by the same sire. The champion in ewes went to Campbell Brothers with a four-tooth ewe, which also scored in that class in merinos. In the housed section Messrs. Mullens and Haydon secured all the prizes, being the only exhibitors. They also took a number of prizes in the unhoused classes, Anderson and Campbell Brothers being the other successful exhibitors. In farmers' sheep classes James Moore secured first and champion with a six-tooth ram by Gibson's President. The champion ewe was exhibited by J. Mullens, who also secured a number of other prizes. Albert Tomlinson and F. Limberg were likewise successful in their classes.

The farm produce considering the season was remarkably good. F. C. Limberg's white wheat, which secured first, weighing 66½lb. J. Hunt was second with 66½lb. to the bushel. Limberg also won the Manitoba prize, the weight being 64½lb. Other winners in this section were J. Lamrock, B. and J. Penington, J. Cannons, C. L. Smith, and R. H. Hardy. A notable exhibit was a sample of ensilage from maize by S. and A. M'Donald, who lately erected the first properly constructed silo in the district. The collection of farm produce £5 Government prize was won by J. Pennington, with F. C. Limberg second.

The machinery was poor, none of the companies competing. J. Lamrock took most prizes with Massey-Harris machines.

The poultry section was well filled, although most of the exhibits were out of feather. The society lately enlarged the poultry shed, and added over 200 coops. In Indian, British, and Colonial Game, John Borthwick secured most of the prizes, D. Preston also doing well. Other winners were:—Plymouth Rocks, G. H. Arkinstall; Black Orpingtons, J. W. Guan and M. Ryan; Buff Orpington, E. A. Thomas; White Leghorns, C. Hatcher and C. E. Buxton; Brown Leghorns, Dr. Kinross and R. Hardy; Wyandottes, Rev. M. Legate, E. A. Thomas, J. Borthwick, and J. Guan.

The pigs were of good quality, H. N. M'Lean securing the principal prizes.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

BOURKE, Wednesday.

Nine thousand wethers, Wingadee to Lila Springs, A. Tobin and Sons; 200 heifers and 5 bulls, Blacktown to Maranoa, T. B. and W. M. Christian; 6394 mixed sheep, Coombing Park to Claverton, Queensland, executors Whitney; 1900 wethers, Pine Hill to Byrock, D. D. Pye; 3600 wethers, Benda to Hungerford, Boland Brothers; 2828 ewes, Grubbin to Wangamana, Jas. Sanderson and Co.; 5000 mixed sheep, Milroy to Tilpa, Dalgety and Co.; 3100 wethers, Larras Lake to Tuncoona, J. B. Lee; 200 cows, Burrawang Grazing Co.; 1880 ewes, Bims to Winnabreena, Burrows Brothers; 1960 ewes and rams, ditto; 4000 ewes, Coolaman to Nocoleche, Union Bank; 3495 ewes, Yass to Eangonia, M. E. Langtree; 288 fat wethers, Deradilla to Flemington, J. M'Entyre, jun.; 3634 ewes and rams, The Meadows to Nelly's Springs, A. B. Biddolph; 1200 mixed sheep, Moolahway to Bourke, Mrs. S. A. Miller; 7060 ewes, Yass to Barringun, J. Hain; 200 rams, Springfield to Mulgawarrina, Springfield Pastoral Estate Company.

GLEN INNES, Wednesday.

Four hundred sheep, Black Swamp to Grafton, W. Melling; 4100 ewes, Gunnee to Tandawanna, Messrs. Champain and Higgens; 1500 sheep, Cawdor to Werris, D. Fraser; 180 sheep, Dinton Park to Warialda, W. Hunt; 1400 sheep, Rose View to Glen Innes, F. Duncan; 6990 ewes, Stonehenge to Bon Accord, G. M. Simpson; 4000 ewes, Mann to Comtadello, Messrs. Moss Brothers; 3120 wethers, Tricudgor to Glen Innes, H. Brookes; 342 ewes, Springfield to Ben Vale, E. Startbridge; 1200 ewes and lambs, Pearsby Hall to Beaufort, J. Rogerson; 6115 sheep, Sydney to Denman, Captain Killen; 2006 ewes, Glen Legh to Auburn Vale, T. H. Cooper; 1150 sheep, Kirramo to Glen Innes, Messrs. Woods Brothers; 349 bullocks, Deepwater to Walcha, J. K. Mackay; 33 sheep, Muswellbrook to Wyangarie, J. C. Mackinnon; 10 bulls, Denman to Warwick, Messrs. Bracker and Merson; 7 bullocks, Old Koreelah to Canning Downs South, Messrs. Burgess.

H. V. Smith and Co., the noted Drapers, Cleveland-street, Surry Hills, give Co-operative Coupons.—Advt.

HAWKESBURY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

About 200 invited guests journeyed yesterday to Richmond to witness the annual distribution of prizes to students at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College. The Premier, Sir John See, had intended to be present, but another engagement prevented him from carrying out his intention. The Ministry was represented by the Hon. John Kidd, Minister for Agriculture, and Parliament by Messrs. H. Moss, J. Macintosh, F. T. Humphery, N. Hawken, and N. J. Buzacott, Ms.L.C., and H. Clarke, T. F. H. Mackenzie, J. Hurley, B. Hall, J. Thomson, D. O'Connor, Eden George, J. F. Smith, F. Farnell, and R. Scobie, Ms.L.A. Included in the party were also the Rev. Dr. Cameron (ex-moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly), the Rev. J. Howell Price (rural dean of Windsor) and Mr. W. S. Campbell (Director of Agriculture).

When all the guests had assembled they were marshalled into the dining-room for luncheon, although it was rather early for that meal. The only toast given was that of "The King." Mr. H. W. Potts had sketched out a programme that worked out admirably. After luncheon the visitors divided themselves into parties, and under guides were shown the different sections of the farm.

THE FARM

The history of this experimental farm has been often told, but we doubt if those who saw the first attempts in 1891 to convert the then uninviting sandy and clayey land into good arable soil had any idea what could be accomplished with scientific methods. The opinion of several there yesterday who have watched events since the beginning is that the work accomplished has been akin to marvellous. It is doubtful whether similar progress under the circumstances can be shown on any other agricultural experimental farm in the world. The value of the system of education pursued at the college is yearly becoming more appreciated, as is instanced by the fact that the applications for admission as students exceed by far the number, 101, that can be accommodated. The nationality of the students is made up as follows:—New South Wales, 79; Victoria, 5; Queensland, 3; Western Australia, 2; Tasmania, 6; New Zealand, 1; England, 1; India, 1; Cape Colony, 2; Natal, 1.

The drought affected the farm to a great extent, and was the means of retarding many experiments; but recent rains have had a wonderful effect upon the soil, and everything just now looks bright and green. Many plants, such as the saltbush, paspalum, flax, and others have stood the dry weather remarkably well. The orchard looks healthy, especially the orangery, the trees being absolutely free from scale. The vines have borne well, and it is evident that a dry season suits the Cerdo blanco, the great raisin grape, as the dried fruit is plump and juicy. Mr. J. Alford, who has charge of the orchard and fruit-drying, has been very successful with the drying and canning operations. The dairy was one of the attractions of the day. Great progress has been made there since last year, and it is now as up to date as a dairy can be. Visitors had the opportunity also of witnessing the milking of some of the cows by the Lawrence-Kennedy milking machine, which did its work well. The silos were next visited, and these are amongst the great educational lessons the farm presents to the settler on the land. The calf-feeding sheds also received good attention. After the piggeries had been fully inspected those among the visitors—and there were many—who had a knowledge of the value of this class of stock openly expressed their surprise at the quality of the animals, and recognised the wisdom of the management in having such a large number—269—of profitable animals on the farm.

The poultry farm is another great feature in this establishment, almost every known bird being represented. Great interest is centred in the egg-laying competition open to the world. Whilst the visitors were inspecting the competing pens three additional entries—two of White Wyandotte and one of Brown Leghorn—arrived from the United States of America, brought to Sydney by the R.M.S. Sierra. Ostrich-farming is likely to succeed, as there are now six large and five small birds in the enclosures, all looking healthy and well grown.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

At 2.30 a movement was made to the large gymnasium, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion.

ADDRESS BY MR. KIDD.

Before presenting the prizes Mr. Kidd said that the Hawkesbury Agricultural College was opened on March 10, 1891, with 25 students. It was soon found that the demand for agricultural education such as was offered at this college was so great that increased accommodation was necessary. In June, 1896, the present buildings were erected, and provision was now made for 100 students. Upwards of 650 students had passed through the college course, and it was very satisfactory to know that of the students who have passed through the college and experimental farms at Wagga and Bathurst some 75 per cent had settled on the land and were engaged in farming pursuits. This large proportion compared most favourably with the agricultural colleges of the United States of America and elsewhere. The knowledge as to the success of the college appeared to have spread nearly all over the world. Applications for admission came from the other Australian States, from Cape Colony, from South Africa, from India and Japan, New Caledonia, and elsewhere. He considered, however, that preference should be given to the sons of those who were resident in New South Wales, and in considering applications he had given instructions that where possible these were to receive the preference. Of the 101 students at present at work 79 belonged to New South Wales, of whom it was very satisfactory to find that 42 were sons of farmers. This showed that the advantages of an agricultural education were now appreciated by this most important section of our population. He was pleased to see that a few years ago an Old Boys' Union was formed, which had been the means of keeping ex-students in touch with the work at the college. Amongst the visitors to the college were frequently a number of old boys, and these were always welcome. Of the 3500 acres belonging to the farm over 1300 are under cultivation, so that every student was afforded an opportunity of taking his part in carrying out practical as well as theoretical farming. He could not too strongly impress on young and old alike that look where they would in the world farming was now recognised as a science, and if they were to compete with other nations in the markets of the world, whether it be in butter, wheat, fruit, &c., the land must be made to produce its fullest crops, and they must be of the finest possible quality. At the college and farms science and practice went hand in hand, and students were given the opportunity of studying chemistry, botany, and the chief sciences connected with agriculture in the class-room, and of seeing them afterwards practically applied in the field. Students had the opportunity of gaining a thorough knowledge in fruit-growing and also in the best ways of preparing it for the markets of the world. In the fruit-drying industry alone there was a great future ahead of us. The art of canning and preserving the different fruits was also carried on, students having the opportunity of not only seeing this work done but also of assisting in doing it. As New South Wales imported annually £300,000 worth of fruit, there was a big opening for our own growers. An interesting feature in the work of the college this year had been the egg-laying competition which had been carried on there. So great had been the rivalry amongst the breeders of various sorts of fowls that coops of hens had been sent from the United States to compete in the laying competition against Australian birds. The department wishes to make every effort to bring the producers of the State into touch with the work of the college and farms. For this purpose special railway facilities were afforded to parties of farmers visiting this institution. The privilege was, he was glad to say, largely availed of, and during the last 12 months over 1800 farmers had visited the college, and had been afforded all information possible regarding the operations carried on. Amongst others were the Boer delegates, who had been sent from the Transvaal to visit the various countries under the British Crown. On completing their visit to the college they stated, "In point of fact we have seen nothing equal to it either in England or Canada." He wished that all the farmers in the State could visit this institution and see for themselves the work that was being carried on. During the past five years experiments had shown at Wagga Farm that an expenditure of 2s per acre on manure resulted in a greatly increased yield of wheat, but reading these things did not convince a man like seeing the results with his own eyes. Visitors to the farms had the opportunity of viewing the large number of new and improved varieties of seed produced on the farms. Seeds of new crops and improved grains were continually being introduced by the department for experimental purposes, and much good had been effected by giving visitors to the farms small samples of such seeds to test on their own farms in various parts of the State. A word of tribute was due to those who had had control of this institution since its initiation. The name of the first principal, Mr. J. L. Thompson, was almost a household word with the farmers of this State. He was the pioneer of the college, and it was greatly due to his energy and knowledge that the institution had gained the high position it now occupied. Mr. Valder, who succeeded him, also did excellent work in improving the condition and educational advantages of the college, and he thought the State was now exceedingly fortunate in having secured the services of the present principal, Mr. H. W. Potts. He was much gratified with the able manner in which Mr. Potts had controlled the work of the college, and with the enthusiasm he had infused into the students in connection with their work.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS.

The following is a list of the successful students and the awards:—

Diploma Students, 1902.—1, A. V. Rhodes, Mosman, dux of college, principal's gold medal, diploma, Burdekin medal, first aggregate prize; 2, E. J. Shelton, Gerringong, diploma, Burdekin medal, second aggregate prize, best with engineer; 3, L. E. Schmidt, New Caledonia, diploma, Burdekin medal, special aggregate prize, best on orchard, sheep and wool prize; 4, C. L. Shorter, Mosman, diploma, Burdekin medal, special aggregate prize, veterinary science prize; 5, A. N. Ogg, Bowral, diploma, Burdekin medal; 6, W. Lindsay, Glen Innes, diploma, Burdekin medal; 7, A. S. M'Kenzie, Wollongong, diploma, Burdekin medal, best with carpenter, best with blacksmith.

Special Prizes, Practical Work.—N. G. Engler, New Caledonia, practical certificate farm, dairy, and orchard, best practical student, best on dairy; D. M. Bell, Denman, practical certificate farm, dairy, and orchard; E. A. Shehan, Redfern, practical certificate farm, dairy, and orchard; E. J. Johns, Wentworthville, practical certificate farm, dairy, and orchard; W. M. M'Lean, Melbourne, practical certificate farm dairy, and orchard: W. Parsons, Redfern, practical certificate orchard and dairy; R. J. Adams, North Sydney, practical certificate farm and dairy; F. Headford, North Sydney, practical certificate dairy.

First Year Students, 1902.—1, J. R. Syme, Melbourne, first year certificate, first aggregate prize, best with carpenter; 2, R. O. Shoobridge, Tasmania, first year certificate, second aggregate prize, best on farm, divide best on orchard; 3, N. J. Barry, Cape Colony, first year certificate, third aggregate prize, divide best on orchard; 4, H. Galbraith, Stawell, Vic., first year certificate; 5, J. B. Valder, New Zealand, first year certificate, best on dairy, best with blacksmith; 6, F. E. Morrish, Walcha, first year certificate.

Special Prize.—Practical work: V. H. Jenkyn, Richmond, best with engineer.

Practical Students, 1902.—Second year class: R. M. Florance, Cootamundra, practical certificate farm. First session class: A. H. E. M'Donald, Gunnedah, first aggregate prize; C. F. Murray, Brisbane, second aggregate prize; O. H. Tuckerman, Windsor, third aggregate prize.

Special Students, 1902.—Orchard class: E. C. D. Keall, Sydney, orchard certificate, prize for best on orchard. Piggery class: R. M. Florance, Cootamundra, piggery certificate; J. Evans, Cooma, piggery certificate; T. O. Sleeman, Roseville, piggery certificate; M. G. Goldring, Turramurra, piggery certificate. Dairy class: C. C. Bradly, Windsor, dairy prize for best cheese and butter maker. Special book prizes: G. B. MacEwan, Melbourne, best on poultry; A. L. Armstrong, Natal, best with blacksmith; J. L. Tietkens, Windsor, best with carpenter; J. F. Gordon, Gundagai, best on piggery; T. R. Kitching, England, best on dairy; L. S. Harden, Armidale, best on experimental plots.

Mr. Potts, who was enthusiastically received, referred in a brief manner to the work done during the comparatively short time he had had control, and to the valuable assistance rendered him by the teaching staff and the Department of Agriculture. Whilst five years ago 500 acres were in cultivation, this year there were 1100 acres, and the work was all done by the students, no outside labour being employed. He mentioned that some of the parents of the pupils wished certain studies only to be taught, but he pointed out that this was one of the greatest mistakes that could be made. Boys should go through the whole of the curriculum of the college if they intended to become farmers, stockbreeders, poultry experts, &c.

GENERAL.

The stock on the farm consists of the following:—

Horses.—49 draught, 10 saddle, 11 light harness, also 6 mules, and 1 jack donkey.

Cattle.—6 Dexter Kerry, 1 Kerry, 38 Ayrshires, 4 Jerseys, 115 crosses, including 20 working bullocks.

Sheep.—75 Shropshires, 196 Romney Marsh, 66 crosses.

Total.—77 horses, 164 cattle, 337 sheep, 269 pigs.

The teaching staff numbers 14, in addition to the principal, and Mr. Hawkesworth, of the Technical College, comes up once a week to give instruction in wool-classing, and at different periods gives instruction in sheep-classing.

FEMALE SUFFRAGE.

WOMAN'S VOTE AND TEMPERANCE REFORM.

CONFERENCE OF ORGANISATIONS.

What proved to be a large and most representative conference, in which the recently enfranchised female voters formed a part, was held at the Queen's Hall, Pitt-street, yesterday. The gathering was under the auspices of the New South Wales Alliance, and the president of that organisation (the Rev. Canon F. B. Boyce) presided. Those taking part in the deliberations numbered 475, and included delegates from the following societies, New South Wales Alliance, Independent Order of Good Templars (23), Independent Order of Rechabites (8), Sons and Daughters of Temperance (9), Church of England Temperance Society (5), Women's Christian Temperance Union (14), the Methodist Church (6), Presbyterian Church (1), Baptists (8), Sydney Rescue Work Society (2), the Salvation Army, Congregational Church (1), Church of Christ (2), the Electoral Bee, Parramatta (1), Women's Progressive Association (3), Waringah Women's Political Association (1), Women's Franchise League (1), Women's Liberal League (2).

The proceedings began at 3 p.m., and in according a welcome to the delegates from the various societies the chairman said:—"The granting of the suffrage to women would be an historical point, and the Government and Parliament that passed it would not be forgotten. Many of them had earnestly contended for the right for years, notably the Women's Christian Temperance Union (the mother of the movement), and now that it was conceded they should endeavour to influence the vote in a right direction. The question for a woman was her house, and the greatest enemy the home knew was drink. One had only to read the records of the Divorce Court to prove the point. Most of the brutal assaults on wives by husbands had been when alcohol had dethroned reason. Many of the murders of wives had been when drink had triumphed. When the father spent the larger part of his wages in the public-house it was the mother who suffered. The little children were often miserably clothed as a consequence, and punched, and even starved. What went to the mother's heart so much was the suffering of her children. And, alas, some women themselves fell into the seductive snares of alcohol, and did their part to turn the home into a hell. This drink question stood out as of primary importance to the enfranchised women. To conquer the liquor traffic should be the first plank in their platform. He believed that most women recognised this, or that at least 200,000 out of the 300,000 would be on the side of the Alliance. While Mr. Waddell's Liquor Bill contained some most valuable instalments which they gladly welcomed, their great aim was to secure for the people full local State option, without compensation. He hoped that the conference would strike a note of enthusiasm and devise such a plan as to win an important battle ere long.

Mrs. G. E. Ardill read a paper entitled "The Best Method for the Organisation of the Women's Vote." The writer suggested that they should distribute widely literature on the subject; also, that a person should be set apart to traverse the State for the purpose of organising.

Mr. W. C. Clegg, B.A., LL.B., opened a discussion on the subject. Several others also spoke.

The conference adjourned at 6 p.m.

The evening session opened at 7.30 p.m. Canon Boyce again presided. Brigadier Bruntnall (Salvation Army) offered the opening prayer.

Dr. Arthur read a paper, in which he made several suggestions regarding the future work of the women. He looked upon the liquor question as the greatest that was before the country, and should be grappled with.

The Rev. E. Price opened the discussion which followed, and in an earnest address urged the women present to use their vote effectively at the ballot box, and to vote for full local option, and without compensation. Several speakers followed.

Mr. G. D. Clark moved,—"That this conference, representing a large number of organisations working in the interests of social reform, recommends that under the auspices of the New South Wales Alliance there shall be formed an auxiliary committee of women, upon which shall be elected representatives of the women's association in accord with the principles of 'full local and State option' without compensation."

Mrs. C. Martel seconded the motion, which was carried.

Miss Annie Golding moved,—"That the object of the formation of such auxiliary committee shall be in conjunction with the New South Wales Alliance, to conserve and organise the women's vote in favour of the one object, to secure a statute law giving to the electors the right of full local and State option without compensation."

Mr. W. C. Clegg seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. J. H. Wise moved,—"That local committees be established in each district as opportunity offers."

Mr. S. Swift seconded the resolution, and it was carried.

Mr. G. E. Ardill proposed,—"That it be suggested that literature be widely circulated throughout the State." The motion was carried.

Brigadier Bruntnall moved,—"That to meet necessary expenditure a campaign fund be opened."

The motion was seconded by Dr. Arthur, and carried.

The conference closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, Dr. Arthur, and Mrs. Ardill, for reading papers during the session.

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS.

INTERNALLY INJURED.

Yesterday evening a man named Frederick Noon, 29, employed as a fireman on a steam tram, fell between two cars at the corner of Hunter and Elizabeth streets. He received internal injuries, and was removed to Sydney Hospital by the Australian Ambulance Brigade.

ACCIDENT AT A HURDLE RACE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

During the running of the hurdle race at the Horsham races yesterday, T. Kain, the rider of Charity Boy, met with a severe accident. Charity Boy led for the greater part of the race, but at the last hurdle Stockwell drew level, and both horses took the jump simultaneously. Stockwell negotiated the obstacle safely, but Charity Boy struck, and Kain was unseated. As the horse landed over the jump he fell on the prostrate jockey, and in endeavouring to rise Charity Boy rolled on Kain a second time. The jockey was immediately conveyed to the hospital at Horsham, where, upon examination he was found to be suffering severe bruises to the abdomen. His condition is somewhat critical.

RICHMOND, Wednesday.

Yesterday afternoon the remains of Tom Aubrey Allen, the victim of the fire at Messrs. Woodhill and Co.'s store, were buried in St. Peter's Church of England Cemetery, the Rev. J. Howell Price officiating. The coffin was borne to the grave by relays of the deceased's comrades. Numerous relatives and friends followed, making a long procession. An impressive address was delivered at the grave. The lad, Alec. Pye, who was also severely burned, is making satisfactory progress.

WALLERAWANG, Wednesday.

A young man named James Charlton, employed rabbit trapping at Sodwalls, near Rydal, was on Monday afternoon accidentally shot in the right side. He was carrying a small pea rifle, which accidentally went off. He was taken to the Lithgow hospital, where the bullet was extracted.

TRAM MEN DISSATISFIED.

ARBITRATION PROPOSALS.

For some time dissatisfaction has been manifested by a number of the tramway employees in connection with working conditions, and matters have now reached a stage when action has been deemed necessary by some of the members of the union. As a result of recent discussions two special meetings will be held to-day—one at 10 a.m., and the other at 8 p.m.—for the purpose of considering notices of motion tabled in favour of the union proceeding to arbitration in connection with certain conditions for all grades of the service.

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CYCLING CARNIVAL.

AN ENORMOUS GATHERING.

THE FINAL OF THE £1000 HANDICAP.

N. C. HOPPER FIRST, DON WALKER SECOND.

IN WORLD'S RECORD TIME.

The Sydney Thousand cycling carnival, run under the auspices of the League of New South Wales Wheelmen, was brought to a successful conclusion last evening at the Sydney Cricket Ground. There was an enormous gathering present, estimated at fully 20,000, and the keenest interest was evinced in the racing throughout, the excitement reaching its greatest when the final heat was run of the £1000 handicap, which was won by N. C. Hopper, with Don Walker second. The weather was beautiful.

The night's sport opened with the Cumberland Handicap, a half-mile event, in which most of the leading riders competed. Don Walker won the first heat, after a brilliant sprint, in 58 seconds. Another excellent performance was put up by G. Sutherland (N.Z.), who secured the seventh heat, after a splendid rush home, in the same time. Both men started from five yards. The final resulted in a win for G. J. Farley (Vic.) on the 35 yards mark by inches only from Don Walker, with Sutherland third. "The pace was a "cracker" throughout, the distance being covered in 57 seconds. The fine sprinting of Walker and Sutherland aroused the vast crowd to a high pitch of enthusiasm.

The great event of the evening, the final of the Sydney Thousand Mile Handicap—stated to be the largest amount ever offered for a cycling race—was decided shortly after 9 p.m. and created a furore of excitement. The first prize was £750, the second £100, and the third £50, whilst £100 was previously cut up amongst the heat winners.

As the 11 riders who qualified rode up to their marks they were greeted with cheers from all parts of the ground. Don Walker was regarded as first favourite, whilst Hopper and Payne's chances were also considered very bright.

When the pistol sounded all the lights with the exception of those illuminating the racing track were extinguished, and the spectacle presented was magnificent. The contest immediately resolved itself into one between the limit group, consisting of Hopper, Payne, Thorn, Foster, and Whitson, on marks from 80 to 110 yards, and the back division, comprising Walker, Morgan, Forbes, Mutton, and Filsell, with handicaps ranging from 5 to 45 yards. The pace, as soon as the two bunches formed, was terrific, the rear men straining every nerve to reduce the gap, whilst the leaders adopted their only hope of success by using every endeavour to maintain their advantage. The race had not been in progress long before it appeared evident that the front division was pacing Hopper, the American ex-amateur, and doing it with systematic excellence. The same tactics were seemingly pursued by the rear bunch in respect to Don Walker, the Australian champion. At the bell the difference between the two bunches was about 30 yards. Then there was a scene of tremendous excitement as the riders flew over the last lap. Hopper was lying third. Payne and Thorn paced the American to the shilling stand beautifully, when he opened out and sprinted to the line amidst thunders of applause, winning from Don Walker, who made a desperate but hopeless effort to overtake him, by fully 25 yards. Thorn, one of the front division, was third, and Forbes, a back-marker, was fourth, some distance away. The time was 1 minute 53 2-5 seconds, a world's record for a competition mile, and which in itself is sufficient indication of the marvellous turn of speed shown by the contestants. The fortunate winner was accorded an ovation as he rode round the track.

Major Taylor made his first appearance in the opening heat of the Oxford Plate, a half-mile handicap for first-class riders. He started 5 yards behind scratch, with Megson on 15 yards. The American champion was successful in passing the post first, but not without having to stall off a determined and praiseworthy effort made by G. J. Farley, a coming Victorian champion.

Don Walker and Hopper scratched in their heats. There was a wonderfully fine rush home in the fourth heat between G. Sutherland (N.Z.) and E. F. Wilksch (S.A.). The judges were unable to separate the men, and gave it a dead heat.

The final, which was the last event on the programme, terminated dramatically and disastrously. Taylor shot off his mark with his customary celerity and quickly got a good position. At the bell he was lying fourth, and the race seemed to be a good thing for him, when, as the riders were settling down at the shilling stand for the final sprint, Sutherland fell, bringing down with him the majority of the competitors, including Major Taylor and Wilksch. Taylor was thrown violently up the embankment several yards ahead of his machine, so great was the impact, but escaped with a severe shaking and some cuts and bruises about the legs. The others who came down were equally fortunate. R. Cameron (Victoria) was the only rider who got quite clear of the accident, and he finished an easy first.

The final of the Clarence Handicap, a two-miles event, was won by G. J. Farley. An extra race—one of the popular five-miles invitation scratch competitions—was placed on the programme. Twenty-five started, and after a splendid finish J. A. Chalmers (N.Z.) just defeated J. Megson, the Sydney champion, on the post.

Details are as follows:—

CUMBERLAND HANDICAP.

½-m. First start in final. £10, £3, £2.

First Heat.—Don Walker (Vic.), 5 yds., 1; A. J. Peterson (Vic.), 50 yds., 2. A good finish. Walker finished with a brilliant sprint. Time, 58s.

Second Heat.—G. J. Farley (Vic.), 35 yds., 1; J. H. Sandberg (Vic.), 20 yds., 2. Won easily. Time, 58 1-5s.

Third Heat.—R. P. Kett (Vic.), 45 yds., 1; G. R. Dean, 105 yds., 2. Won by a length. Time, 57 1-5s.

Fourth Heat.—W. G. Harvey, 100 yds., 1; E. Cameron (Vic.), 25 yds., 2. Won by inches. Cameron came very fast, but was just beaten. Time, 59s.

Fifth Heat.—R. W. Lewis, 20 yds., 1; J. Crowell, 70 yds., 2. Won comfortably. Time, 60s.

Seventh Heat.—G. Sutherland (N.Z.), 5yds., 1; A. S. Cohen, 70yds., 2. Won after a brilliant sprint by a length. Time, 58s.

Eighth Heat.—S. L. Whitson (Vic.), 60yds., 1; A. Phipps, 70yds., 2. Won by two lengths. Time, 58 1-5s.

Final.—G. J. Farley (Vic.), 35yds., 1; D. Walker (Vic.), 5yds., 2; G. Sutherland (N.Z.), 5yds., 3.

Sutherland paced Walker to the northern pavilion, where the limit man, Harvey, was caught. Here Farley went out, and though Walker rode grandly he could not catch the leader, who won by inches. Time, 57s.

NOVICE HANDICAP.

1m. First four to start in final. £7, £2, and £1.

First Heat.—J. Gibbons, 80yds., 1; A. Bennington, 100yds., 2; A. F. Ferris, 85yds., 3; W. Wilson, 90yds., 4. Won by a wheel. Time, 2m. 13s.

Second Heat.—S. Williams, 65yds., 1, W. Bearpark, 80yds., 2; P. M'Leish, 100yds., 3; J. Pepper, 85yds., 4. A good finish. Won by half a wheel. Time, 2m. 17 3-5s.

Final: A. Wilson, 90 yds., 1; A. E. Bennington, 100 yds., 2; S. Williams, 65 yds., 3. Won by a length, half a length between second and third. Time, 2m. 16 2-5s.

CLARENCE HANDICAP INVITATION.

Two miles, £10, £2, £1. W. Palmer (W.A.), 20yds., 1; F. Smith (Vic.), 100yds., 2; A. C. Beecher, 230yds., 3. D. J. Plunkett, 200yds., 4. There were three bunches for the best part of the race, a big gap between each. The second and third bunches got together with three laps to go, and with two to go the first three men were 30yds. in front. A lap and half from home they were all together. Palmer went out at the northern terrace, followed by Smith, and the former won by a length and a half. Time, 4m. 12 2-5s.

Second Heat.—A. J. King, 120 yds., 1; C. Carter, 180 yds., 2; F. M'Lean, 190 yds., 3; L. Corbett (Vic.), 140 yds., 4. The competitors resolved themselves into two bunches, nine in the first and four in the second. Gordon, in the rear division, went out, but after some good pacing he retired. With two laps to go the lot bunched. In the last lap at the northern pavilion King jumped to the front, and going away won by 12 yds. A great race for the other places. Time, 4m. 16 4-5s.

Third Heat.—M. Randrup (Vic), 10 yds., 1; F. H. Scheps (S.A.), 160 yds., 2; A. A. Middleton, 50 yds., 3; G. J. Farley (Vic.), 30 yds., 4. Webster went out at the bell, but at the shilling stand Randrup came very fast, and maintaining his lead won by four lengths. Time, 4m. 22 3-5s.

Final: G. J. Farley (Vic.), 30 yds., 1; M. Randrup (Vic.), 10 yds., 2; F. H. Scheps (S.A.), 160 yds., 3. A good finish. Time, 4m. 25s.

SYDNEY THOUSAND.

One Mile. First prize £750; second, £100; third, £50. Heat winners divide £100.

FINAL.

N. C. Hopper (U.S.A.), 75yds., 1; D. Walker (Vic.), 5yds., 2; H. Thorn (Vic.), 80yds., 3; A. C. Forbes (N.Z.), 10yds., 4. Other starters: G. R. Morgan (Vic.), 10yds.; R. Mutton (N.S.W.), 25; J. Filsell (Vic.), 45; E. Payne (N.S.W.), 80; G. R. Foster (N.S.W.), 95; S. L. Whitson (N.S.W.), 110; F. Simon (N.S.W.), 120. Time, 1m. 53 2-5s. The race soon became a battle between two divisions, the leading lot being Hopper, Payne, Thorn, Foster, and Whitson. Simon was riding "on his own." Filsell in the back division could not get moving fast enough; a fact that had a lot to do with the result. Then was seen some magnificent pacing. Of the two bunches the limit men showed the better work in pacing, and the rate at which they kept going was terrific. They dropped back in turn splendidly, and like machinery. It could be seen that there was little hope for the rear division to get up. The cheers of the crowd was something to be remembered. It was evident that Hopper was to be held in reserve to finish on behalf of the first batch, and the pick of the rear men was evidently Walker. Whitson fell in the second lap. Payne had charge of the limit men on entering the last lap, and he rode the race of his life with Hopper hanging on to his wheel, having been worked into that position by the system of retirement of the pacers. Walker similarly was left to finish in the rear division, and the latter bunch was about 45 yards behind the leaders when the scoring board was passed. At the northern terrace Hopper went out at a great pace, and amidst extraordinary excitement and cheering he travelled at great speed for the mark, and Walker after him. The former was, however, too strong, and he won by 25 yards in the fastest time ever done in competition, viz., 1m. 53 2-5s. The mistake the rear men made was in waiting for Filsell to get going. Had they rushed past him there might have been a different ending, though Hopper finished full of speed. Every man in the race who paced rode himself to a standstill.

OXFORD PLATE.

½-m.—First two to start in final.

First Heat.—Major Taylor (U.S.A.), 5yds. behind scratch, 1; G. J. Farley (Vic.), 45yds., 2. Taylor won by inches. The second man came with a splendid finish, and was just beaten. Time, 57 2-5th sec.

Second Heat.—R. Cameron (Vic.), 25yds., 1; J. H. Sandberg (Vic.), 35yds., 2. A good race. Won by a wheel. Time, 1m. 1 1-5th sec.

Third Heat.—G. R. Morgan (Vic.), 10yds., 1; C. E. Nalty, 45yds., 2. Won easily. Time, 58s.

Fourth Heat.—C. F. Wilksch (S.A.), 25yds., G. Sutherland (N.Z.), 15yds., dead heat, 1. A splendid finish. Several close up. Time, 60s.

Final.—R. Cameron (Vic.), 25yds., 1; J. H. Sandberg (Vic.), 35yds., 2; C. E. Nalty, 45yds., 3. Taylor caught the bunch in 50yds., and was lying fourth. In the finishing lap at the northern terrace an accident happened, and Cameron finished alone. Sandberg mounted his machine and finished, and Nalty ran round with his and secured third place. Time, 58 4-5s. No one was seriously injured, although all those who fell got a shaking. Taylor would probably have won had it not been for the accident.

FIVE-MILE SCRATCH RACE.

Prizes, £10, £3, and £2.

J. A. Chalmers (N.Z.), 1; J. Megson, 2; A. C. Forbes (N.Z.), 3. Twenty-five started, four finished. A great race. Won by half a length, third man close up. Time, 11m. 11 2-5s.

COUNTRY NEWS.

MAIL DELAYS.

GOODOOGA, Wednesday.

Dissatisfaction is expressed at the mail delays. When the coach does not catch the train at Brewarrina letters, with the present tri-weekly service, take five or six days to reach Sydney.

UNEMPLOYED AT HILLSTON.

PROTEST AGAINST GOVERNMENT'S ACTION.

HILLSTON, Wednesday.

At a public meeting yesterday the following resolution was carried:—"That this meeting views with surprise and indignation the action of the Public Works Department in sending six of the Cooma unemployed here at Government expense, presumably with the intention of finding them work at the Willanthry cutting, whilst it is a fact that not only local single men, but local married men, seeking work have been refused."

FIRES.

BREWARRINA, Wednesday.

An inquest on the Brewarrina fire was held to-day. The evidence went to show that the fire originated on the premises of J. H. Huggins, tobacconist. The jury returned a verdict that the premises were feloniously and maliciously set on fire by some person or persons unknown. A rider was added: "We disbelieve the evidence of the witness John Henry Huggins, from the time he entered Mrs. A. Bonthorne's premises."

TOMINGLEY, Wednesday.

In connection with the destruction of Edward Dunn's slaughter-house at Peak Hill, a young man named Kennedy has been arrested on suspicion of having caused the fire.

BEMBOKA, Wednesday.

The third annual flower show, which was opened this afternoon, includes fruit, vegetables, and poultry. There are nearly 600 entries.

CROOKWELL, Wednesday.

A monument to the memory of H. Speers, who died in South Africa during the war, will be unveiled next Saturday.

DUNGOG, Wednesday.

A concert was held yesterday in aid of the convent school, which realised £20.

WEST WYALONG, Wednesday.

The funeral of the late Alderman Plowes was one of the largest seen in the district, including over 60 vehicles, besides horsemen and pedestrians.

NEWCASTLE.

FRAUDULENT APPROPRIATION.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

At the City Police Court to-day, Thomas Oldfield, aged 39, labourer, was charged with having on the previous day fraudulently appropriated to his own use a bag, muff chain, a £1 bank note, a half sovereign, and 3s 6d in silver money, of the total value of £2 1s 6d, the property of Cora Lynns. The prosecutrix, who is a barmaid employed at the Baden-Powell Hotel, stated that she returned from a visit to Sydney by the steamer yesterday morning, and while walking along Hunter-street missed the chain and bag. A few hours later, however, the accused came into the bar and offered the chain to her for sale for the price of two drinks. She at once identified it as her property, and sent for the police. The accused, who stated that he had found the chain in the street gutter, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

The following vessels cleared at the Customs to-day:—The steamer Moira, for Brisbane, via Sydney, with 350 tons of coal and 31 cases biscuits; the steamer Sydney, for Melbourne, via Sydney, with 730 tons of coal, 24 bales of wool, and 35 cases biscuits; the steamer Ouraka, for Melbourne, with 3750 tons of coal; the steamer Cloncurry, for Melbourne, with 3350 tons of coal; the steamer Barrier, for Melbourne, via Sydney, with 1550 tons of coal; the barque Highlands, for Salina Cruz (Mexico), with 1104 tons of Lambton coal; the ship Hampton, for Samarang or Sourabaya, with 2400 tons of East Greta coal; the steamer Euryalus, for Singapore, via Melbourne, with 5000 tons of coal; the barque Kylemore, for Valparaiso, with 1862 tons of Wallsend coal; and the German ship Ostara, for Valparaiso, with 3175 tons of Duckenfield coal.

The German four-masted barque Alster arrived early this morning after a passage of 60 days from Monte Video. She will load Seaham coal for the West Coast.

The ship Red Rock, which arrived from Table Bay yesterday, will load Hetton coal for Portland (Oregon).

The steamer Dilkera sailed to-day for Port Augusta with 2230 tons of coal, 30 tons of coke, and 50 casks of tar; the steamer Melbourne, for Melbourne, via Burnie, with 2420 tons of coal; and the steamer Tagliaferro, for Burnie, via Devonport, with 250 tons.

The barque Leon XIII. has been chartered to come on to Newcastle from Diego Saurez to load Burwood coal for the West Coast.

It is reported that the Burwood Extended colliery, which has not been worked for many years past, is likely to re-commence operations. All the appliances for a large output are stated to be in good order, having been looked after by a caretaker, and the colliery could be got ready for work within the space of a few months.

At a meeting of the Waratah Council held on Monday night it was resolved to reply to a letter from the Chief Secretary notifying the proclamation of a public holiday on Saturday last on the occasion of the miners' picnic, to the effect the council protested against the dislocation of the business of Newcastle and district because one section of the community was holding a picnic.

Messrs. Lang, Wood, and Co. offered for sale by auction to-day the Methodist Church and parsonage, a freehold property in the city, having frontages of 168ft to Perkins-street, 66ft. to Tyrrell-street, and 196ft. to Brown-street, adjoining the Roman Catholic Church and Convent. No bid, however, was submitted.

The Newcastle fund in aid of the drought relief amounts to £88. A first instalment of £50 was forwarded yesterday to the Lord Mayor of Sydney.

The Minister for Works will open the Newcastle show to-morrow afternoon, and after attending the luncheon he will receive several deputations in respect to local matters.

Though to-morrow will be a public holiday in Newcastle police district on the occasion of the opening of the show, the coal cranes will work as usual.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average rainfall for 44 years, 49·874.

Average rainfall from January 1 to February 28, 8·496.

Rainfall from January 1, 5·270.

Temperature.—Maximum, 78·3; minimum, 69·4.

Humidity.—At 9 a.m., 77; at 3 p.m., 68.

BAROMETER READINGS.

Geraldton, 29·99; Esperance Bay, 29·90; Eucla, 29·94; Streaky Bay, 30·00; Adelaide, 30·11; Robe, 30·14; Portland, 30·14; Melbourne, 30·18; Wilson's Promontory, 30·19; Gabo Island, 30·15; Cape St. George, 30·05; Sydney, 30·21; Newcastle, 30·21; Port Macquarie, 30·14; Clarence Heads, 30·18; Brisbane, 30·16; Rockhampton, 30·07; Mackay, 30·03.

RAINFALL.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Bowral 1 points, Kiama 18, Nowra 6, Ulladulla 8.

INTER-STATE RAINFALLS.

South Australia.—Katherine 2 points, Tennant's Creek 84, Barrow's Creek 27, Alice Springs 34, Charlotte Waters 3. Queensland.—Townsville 5 points, Mackay 45, Rockhampton 3, Windorah 6, Thargomindah 8.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Generally fine, warm, and pleasant.

Victoria and Straits.—Generally fine, scattered clouds.

New Caledonia.—Clear at Gomen.

South Australia.—Fine and clear generally.

Tasmania.—Cloudy on the west coast, fine in the east.

Queensland.—Cloudy and unsettled generally.

North Australia.—Unsettled throughout.

New Zealand.—Dull in the north, showery in the south, clear over central districts.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, E.S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Byron Bay, S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Ballina, E.S.E., cloudy, bar moderate, sea heavy; Clarence Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea lumpy; Woolgoolga, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea rough; Port Macquarie, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, N.E., strong, fine, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, N.E., fresh, fine, sea slight; Port Stephens, N.E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Newcastle, N.E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; South Head, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Wollongong, calm, hazy, sea smooth; Kiama, calm, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, N.E., light, like rain, sea moderate; Ulladulla, N.E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Bateman's Bay, N., light, fine, sea smooth; Moruya, N., fresh, gloomy, sea moderate; Eden, N., light, cloudy, sea slight; Green Cape, N., fresh, cloudy, sea slight; Gabo Island, N., fresh, cloudy, misty, sea slight.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Warm and unsettled, scattered thunderstorms, partial to northern districts; N.E. winds.—H. C. Russell.

South Australia.—Fine and warm to hot, calms and light variable, chiefly E. to N. winds; smooth sea.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Fine, warm, rising temperatures, especially inland, light variable winds, chiefly between S.E. and N.E.; sea slight.—P. Baracchi.

Western Australia.—Mostly moderately fine weather throughout south east districts, including Perth, but hot from the Coolgardie districts northwards; possibly a few light showers on the south coast.—W. E. Cooke.

BRISBANE WEATHER BUREAU FORECASTS.

Western Australia.—Some showers along the Southern coast under a new antarctic disturbance named "Lyne," scattered thunderstorms in the Northern half under monsoonal influence; fair or fine elsewhere.

Central Australia and Northern Territory.—Conditions becoming finer, with south-easters generally.

South Australia.—Fine generally for the present, but the new antarctic disturbance "Lyne" will shortly cause rain in the west coast districts, and such conditions will travel eastward.

Queensland.—Data not to hand from the far northern stations; rain of a showery character expected along the coast, chiefly north from the tropic and over the peninsula, with south-easters; a few scattered thunderstorms in the north-west where conditions are becoming finer.

Victoria and Tasmania.—Mostly fine inland, and cloudy to gloomy or foggy along the coast, with north and north-west winds. The new antarctic disturbance named "Lyne" is coming.

New Zealand.—Unsettled throughout, with squalls and rain from west and south-west under the disturbance "Crowther."

Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands.—Fine, with scattered clouds over both islands; variable winds.

New Caledonia and Adjacent Islands.—Cloudy to showery, with easterly winds.

Special Note.—The disturbance "Crowther" is central to the south of Dunedin, and the new antarctic disturbance "Lyne" is to the south-west of Esperance Bay.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR MARCH 19.

Sun rises at 5.56, sets at 6.10; Moon, 10.15 p.m., 11.2 a.m.; Mercury, 4.12 a.m., 5.23 p.m.; Venus, 8.22 a.m., 7.20 p.m.; Mars, 6.50 p.m., 7.7 a.m.; Jupiter, 4.16 a.m., 5.18 p.m.; Saturn, 1.52 a.m., 3.47 p.m.

New Moon, March 29; Full Moon, April 12.

High water at Fort Denison: — a.m.; 12.23 p.m.

It is announced in our business columns that it has been decided to receive late entries in all the horse, pony, trotting, and jumping competitions in connection with the Royal Agricultural Show until 2 o'clock to-day, upon payment of a double nomination fee. Cattlebreeders and owners will be called upon to nominate to-day, and dairymen desirous of competing for the richly-endowed Royal champion butter fat test of £100 and the "Sydney Mail" special prize will also have to subscribe at the same time.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—March 18.

Monowai, s., 3433 tons, Captain R. Neville, from Wellington. Passengers—Misses Clube, Simpson, Pitts, Hale, Dickenson, Wells, Bassett (2), Messrs. Woodhouse, Fitzsimmons, Dill-Macky, Parker, Reed, Price, Cooper, Johnston, Stuart, Johnson, Brinkley, Clarke, Blackman, Gapes, Ladd, Mesdames Taverner, Matheson, Wright, Pitts, Reeves, Bassett, Edmonds, Phillips, Cooper and 4 children, Kelsey and 3 children, Boles, Moore, Cooper and 2 children, Fraser-Shaw, Hugo, Clarke, Bevan and son, Morrison, Turnbull, Saxby, Wauchope, Brown, Rev. M'Queen, Messrs. Pitts, Wright, Graham, Hammond, Reeves, Barnett, Bassett, Dacre, Rev. Wilmer, Messrs. Phillips, Harper, Kelsey, Moore, Wright, Thornhill, Peel, Dr. Roper, Walker, Marchant, Rev. Waters, Messrs. Knight, Service, Anderson, Pascal, M'Menamin, Ridleigh, O'Sullivan, Freeman, Nevens, Mountney, Johnson and valet, Newman, Artaur, Rev. Martin, Messrs. Hugo, Wiggell, Bevan, M'Intosh, Bennett, Adams (2), Salisbury, Cumming, Nuttall, Morrison, Turnbull, Joachim, Sandgreen, Saxby, Wauchope, Doreen, Duff, Silly, Bishop, Cooper, Brown, Walker, Leigh Jones, Lindsay, Scott, Davidson, Rev. Father O'Connor, Master M'Intosh, and 70 in the steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Allinga, s., 2241 tons, Captain K. A. Berg, from Cairns, Townsville, Flattop Island, and Brisbane. Passengers—28 in the saloon and 38 in the steerage. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Namoi, s., 1414 tons, Captain Warne, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River Company, agents.

Norwood, sh., 1507 tons, Captain Howe, from New York, via Melbourne. Passengers—Mrs. Howe and child. H. W. Peabody and Co., agents.

Burrawong, s., 391 tons, Captain M'Laughlin, from Macleay River. Passengers—15 in the saloon and 2 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Wootton, s., 150 tons, Captain W. Donovan, from Camden Haven. Allen Taylor and Co., agents.

Baden Powell, s., 200 tons, Captain J. Ferguson, from Nambucca River. F. Buckle, agent.

Wynford, bq., 1859 tons, Captain Bellringer, from Algoa Bay. J. and A. Brown, agents.

St. George, s., 486 tons, Captain William Baillie, from Richmond River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—March 18.

Australia, R.M.S., for London, via ports.

Waikare, s., for Auckland and ports.

Boveric, s., for Wellington, via Newcastle.

Kadina, s., for Melbourne, via Newcastle.

Solingen, s., for Hamburg, via Brisbane and Townsville.

Kurdistan, s., for Trincomalee.

Mintaro, s., for Melbourne.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—March 19.

Australian, s., for China and Japan, via Manila and ports; Gunah, s., for Hobart; Commonderry, s., for Moruya and Wagonga; Murray, s., for Moruya; Fyrmont, s., for Manning River; Wootton, s., for Bellinger River; St. George, s., for Richmond River; Electra, s., for Manning River; Burrawong, s., for Macleay River; Newcastle Company's steamer for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—March 18.

Waikare, s., 3071 tons, Captain Crawshaw, for Auckland and New Zealand ports. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pearrean, Dr. and Mrs. Badock, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown, Mesdames Clarke and child, Hordern, Featherstone, M. Clark and infant, Rathbone, Misses Featherstone, See, C. H. Frost, Tweddle, Gretchen-Christman, Sivyer, Dr. Jessie Macdonald, Phillips, Taylor, Blame (2), Messrs. Coley, S. Hordern, jun., J. C. See, W. Hawkins, Nash, P. Haigh and child, H. Kershaw Walker, Wyatt, John Anderson, Gilmour, Metcalfe, Rev. Welchman, F. Norton, H. G. Brown, Collie, H. W. Gibson, Hands, Cowlishaw, Master Blame, and 44 in the steerage.

Asman, s., 2253 tons, Captain C. Lindbergh, for Melbourne, with through cargo.

Mooraboel, s., 2366 tons, Captain L. Thompson, for Adelaide, via Newcastle, with through cargo.

Solingen, s., 2844 tons, Captain F. Parran, for Hamburg, via Queensland and ports.

Australia, R.M.S., 6901 tons, Captain F. Cole, for London, via Hobart and ports.

Mintaro, s., 2287 tons, Captain H. C. W. Thomsett, for Melbourne, with 2050 tons guano.

IMPORTS.—March 18.

(A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column.)

Kasuga Maru, J.M.S., from Japan and China, via ports: 1200 bags sugar, 4358 bags rice, 20 packages tea, 100 cases oil, 20 cases nut oil, 50 packages soy, 46 bags ground nuts, 620 bags sulphur, 35 cases japaneseware, 1268 packages ginger, 31 bales strawboards, 20 bales bamboos, 320 bags peanuts, 2277 cases Chinese oil, and sundries; also cargo for other ports. Optional: 116 bales ginger, 8480 bags rice.

Allinga, s., from Brisbane: 3714 bunches bananas, 82 pieces cedar, 166 bags cattle food, 40 bales wool, 41 hides, 34 cases pines, 9 bags oysters, sundries, and cargo for southern ports.

Norwood, sh., from New York, via Melbourne: 20,000 cases kerosene, 708 cases benzine, 1000 cases naphtha.

Burrawong, s., from Macleay River: 1498 bags maize, 10 bags pumpkins, 15 cases eggs, 6 cases fish, 4 tins lard, 13 tins honey, 2 coops poultry, 19 hides, 3 bags, 176 boxes butter, 98 pigs, 22 sundries.

St. George, s., from Richmond River: 120 bags maize, 2 bags horns, 40 bags bones, 2 bags oysters, 1 bale mullet, 6 cases eggs, 7 cases honey, 1 cask tallow, 31 hides, 1 bag 9 bundles hides, 20 logs pine, 3 logs cedar, 20 packages sundries.

Monowai, s., from Wellington: 3625 sacks oats, 349 sacks grass seed, 266 sacks wheat, 1655 sacks barley, 232 sacks potatoes, 325 boxes butter, 40 sacks hides, 39 casks tallow, 437 bales flax, 38 bales tow, 106 cases preserved milk, 300 ingots spelter, and a large quantity of sundries.

EXPORTS.—March 18.

Solingen, s., for Hamburg, via Queensland ports: 6216 bars lead, 30 tons ivory nuts, 120 sacks cobalt ore, 28 bundles sandal wood, 35 cases provisions, 20 black iron pipes, 360 rolls paper, 38 bales wool, 202 bags flour, and through cargo.

Australia, R.M.S., from London, via ports: 130 bales wool, 9500 bars lead bullion, 37 bars dore bullion, 4107 bars lead, 1298 bags cobalt ore, 2563 ingots copper, 51 bales sheepskins, 11 cases woollens, 400 packages naval stores, 20 bags seeds, 37 packages leather, and sundries.

Custom-house.—Entered outwards: March 18, Sierra, R.M.S., for San Francisco, via ports; Celtic Chief, ship, for Newcastle.

The barque Alcestes removes at 11.30 this morning from Kerosene Bay to Grant's Wharf.

The ship Rene Kerviler will to-morrow be taken from Watson's Bay to Woolwich Dock.

The steamer Sellasia will to-day be taken from Cowper Wharf to Woolwich Dock.

The schooner Louisa J. Kenney removes to-day from Jubilee Dock to Morrison and Sinclair's Wharf.

The Union Company's steamer Monowai, from New Zealand, entered the Heads at 8 o'clock last night, and berthed at the wharf an hour later. She sailed from Wellington on Saturday last at 6 p.m., and had Cape Farewell abeam at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday. Captain Neville reports having experienced strong westerly winds, with heavy head seas, until midday on Tuesday, and thence light variable winds and smooth seas to arrival.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Orontes, with mails bearing the date of London, Feb. 20, arrived at Fremantle at 11.15 a.m. yesterday.

The R.M.S. Victoria, from London, via ports, left Melbourne at 6.30 p.m. yesterday for Sydney, and is due here early to-morrow morning.

The R.M.S. Australia was despatched from Sydney at 1 p.m. yesterday for London, via the usual ports of call and Hobart. She passed Jervis Bay at 6.30 p.m.

The F.M.S. Polynesien, bound from Sydney to Marseilles, arrived at Melbourne at 6 a.m. yesterday.

The G.M.S. Rhein, from Bremen and Southampton, via ports, left Melbourne at 7.35 p.m. yesterday for Sydney.

The G.M.S. Oldenburg, from Bremen and Southampton, bound to Sydney, left Suez on Monday last.

PASSENGERS BY THE AUSTRALIAN.

Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., managing agents for the E. and A. line, advise that the following saloon passengers have been booked by the steamer Australian (Captain P. Thomas Dalma), sailing at 1 p.m. to-day for Manila, China, and Japan:—Mr. W. Andrew, Miss A. Andrew, Mr. T. L. Bainbridge, Mrs. R. L. Bell, Miss Bell, Mr. Benjamin, Mr. Bertie, Mrs. Bertie, Mrs. W. H. Belton and maid, Mr. W. R. Chew, Miss E. Coghlan, Miss D. Coghlan, Miss R. Coghlan, Miss Cowan, Miss A. Craven, Mr. H. E. Downer, Mr. J. F. Dall, Mr. P. Evans, Miss Farrer, Mr. Bolt-Francis, Mrs. G. Bolt-Francis, Miss Gairdner, Mr. T. H. Glover, Mr. Hinton, Miss B. Hodd, Mr. P. Kleemo, Mrs. Langdon, Miss Langdon, Mr. R. D. Miller, Mr. A. Murrell, Mr. J. H. Parkinson, Mr. C. Paul, Mr. M. Gay Pearce, Miss Hildebrand, Mr. Salter, Miss Salter, Mr. W. Scott, Miss Shaw, Senator Staniforth Smith, Mr. L. S. Walford, Mrs. Walford, Mr. A. A. White, Miss N. Woinarski, Miss V. Woinarski.

THE WHITE STAR LINERS.

The local agents for the White Star line (Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Limited) report:—

The Afric left Sydney Jan. 24, and Melbourne Jan. 31, arrived Capetown Feb. 22, and is due at London to-morrow.

The Medic is in port at Liverpool, and will sail to-day, due Capetown April 9, Albany April 25, Adelaide April 30, Melbourne May 3, and Sydney May 8.

The Persic is in port at Sydney, and will sail at noon on Saturday. She will leave Melbourne March 27, due Capetown April 25, and London May 19.

The Runic left Liverpool Feb. 12, and Capetown March 5, due Adelaide March 24, Melbourne March 27, and Sydney April 1.

The Suevic left Sydney Feb. 20, and Melbourne Feb. 27, due Capetown March 28, and London April 21.

THE ABERDEEN LINERS.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Limited, agents for the Aberdeen line, report the following movements of steamers:—

The Aberdeen left Sydney Feb. 6 and Melbourne Feb. 11, arrived Natal March 5, due London April 3.

The Australasian left Plymouth Feb. 26, due Capetown to-morrow, Melbourne April 9, and Sydney Apr 1 13.

The Damascus left Sydney Feb. 27 and Melbourne March 4, due Natal March 26, and London April 24.

The Moravian left Plymouth Feb. 4 and Capetown Feb. 26, arrived Melbourne March 17, due Sydney March 20.

The Nineveh left Sydney March 17, and will leave Melbourne March 25, due Natal April 16, and London May 15.

The Salamis left Sydney Jan. 16 and Melbourne Jan. 21, arrived Natal Feb. 14, and was due London March 15.

The Sophocles was to have left London March 17, due Capetown April 9, Melbourne April 29, and Sydney May 4.

THE NORWOOD FROM NEW YORK.

The ship Norwood, a remarkably fine-looking vessel, arrived at Sydney yesterday from New York, via Melbourne, and anchored below Garden Island. She left New York on Dec. 3, and met with several heavy gales. The worst of these was encountered after she rounded the Cape. It blew with great vigour from the north-east for 16 hours, and heavy seas broke on board. Some inconsequential damage resulted on deck, but the vessel stood the trial as befitted a well-found merchantman. She arrived at Melbourne on Feb. 25, and left for Sydney on Saturday last. The Norwood brings 20,000 cases of kerosene, in addition to benzine and naphtha.

THE PARAMITA DAMAGED IN A GALE.

The well-known American clipper ship Paramita came in for some extremely rough treatment on her voyage from Newcastle to San Francisco. The weather experienced was so trying that although the Paramita is a high-sided wooden ship she narrowly escaped foundering. She was thrown on her beam ends, and it was only when her masts went that she righted. Ultimately the ship reached Honolulu after a fearfully exciting passage. She was dreadfully crippled, and said to be leaking when she arrived in port.

THE MISHAP TO THE TYRIAN.

An excellent towing feat was performed by the tug Alacrity, which took the disabled Tyrian round from Eden to Melbourne at an average speed of about five knots per hour in the teeth of strong gales and heavy seas. The two vessels reached Melbourne on Monday forenoon. Upon discharge of her cargo being effected the Tyrian will be docked to receive a new tail shaft.

THE WYOMING AT THE GILBERT GROUP.

Messrs. On Chong and Co., who recently chartered the steamer Wyoming from the North Coast Steam Navigation Company, Limited, yesterday received a letter from Captain Cable, master of the Wyoming, notifying the arrival of the vessel at Buttarari, in the Gilbert Group, on Feb. 13 last. She will return to Sydney in about two months' time.

The Loongana, bq., belonging to Messrs. On Chong and Co., was to have sailed from the Gilbert Group for Sydney on Monday last.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

THURSDAY ISLAND.—Arr.: March 18, Umballa, s., from London. Passed: March 17, Sonneberg, s., bound for Macassar. March 18, Mercedes, s., bound for Hongkong.

BOWEN.—Arr.: March 17, Aramac, s., from Brisbane. Dep.: March 17, Aramac, s., for Cooktown.

ROCKHAMPTON.—Arr.: March 18, Tinana, s., from Brisbane. Dep.: March 18, Tinana, s., for Brisbane.

KEPPEL BAY.—Dep.: March 18, Arawatta, s., for Brisbane.

BRISBANE.—Dep.: March 18, Leura, s., for Sydney; Gulf of Ancud, s., for Newcastle; Mildura, s., for Rockhampton; Rockton, s., for Cairns; Flinders, s., for Bundaberg; Lady Musgrave, s., for Clarence River.

TWEED HEADS.—Arr.: March 18, Admiral, s., at 11.15 a.m.

BYRON BAY.—March 18, Captain Cook, s., in bay.

RICHMOND HEADS.—Arr.: March 18, Captain Cook, s., off bar at 8.30 a.m. Dep.: Oakland, s., at 10.15 a.m.; Tomki, s., at 10.30 a.m.; Captain Cook, s., left north at 10.25 a.m.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Arr.: March 18, Oakland, s., 2.30 p.m., from Richmond River. Dep.: Kyogle, s., at 4 p.m., for Sydney. Passed: Tomki, s., at 2.30 p.m., south.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Passed: March 18, one of Adelaide Company's steamers hull down at 5 p.m., south; Wyandra, s., at 5.20 p.m., north.

MANNING HEADS.—Dep.: Pyrmont, s., at 12.25 p.m.; Electra, s., at 12.50 p.m.

TRIAL BAY.—Dep.: March 18, Defender, s., at 4 p.m., for Manning River.

SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: March 18, Ramornie, s., at 3 p.m., Kallatina, s., at 6 p.m., both north.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Arr.: March 18, Rosedale, s., at 9.50 a.m. Dep.: Forster, ktch., at 3 p.m., for Sydney.

TACKING POINT.—Passed: March 18, a large two-masted steamer with black funnel at 4.55 p.m., north.

CROWDY HEADS.—Passed: March 18, Hastings, s., at 2 p.m., Barrabool, s., at 4.30 p.m., a ketch at 4.30 p.m., all north.

CAPE HAWKE.—Arr.: Mar. 18, Thistle, s., at 9.50 a.m., Hawke, s., at 9.57 a.m., both from Sydney. Dep.: S. A. Hayward, sch., at 9.40 a.m., for Sydney.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: Mar. 18, a large steamer with black funnel and white band, at 6.20 a.m., a large steamer with black funnel, at 10.15 a.m., Durdy, s., at 3 p.m., Eureka, s., at 2.35 p.m., Cavanba, s., at 3 p.m., all north; Pyrmont, s., at 4.5 p.m., Electra, s., at 4.10 p.m., both south.

PORT STEPHENS.—Dep.: Mar. 18, Helen Moore, ktch., at 12.5 p.m. Passed: Mildura, s., at 5.50 a.m., St. George, s., at 11.45 a.m., both north; Bellinger, s., at 5.20 a.m., Corra Lynn, s., at 7.50 a.m., both north.

NEWCASTLE.—Arr.: March 18, Alster, German four-masted barque, from Monte Video; Tamar, s., Newcastle, s., Lady Mabel, sch., Cavanba, s., Jones Brothers, sch., Duckenfield, s., Maud Weston, s., Boveric, s., from Sydney; Moira, s., from Brisbane; Baden Powell, s., from the north; Kadina, s., from Sydney. Dep.: March 18, Dilkera, s., for Port Augusta, via Pirie and Kembla; Melbourne, s., for Melbourne, via Burnie; Tagliaferro, s., for Burnie, via Devonport; Cavanba, s., for Byron Bay; Baden Powell, s., Tamar, s., Hannah Nicholson, sch., Jones Brothers, sch., Newcastle, s., Lady Mabel, sch., Sophia Ann, s., Maud Weston, s., for Sydney.

LAKE MACQUARIE.—Dep.: March 18, Hesper, ktch., at 10.30 a.m., for Sydney.

BARRANJOEY.—Arr.: March 18, Alexandra, ktch., at 9.5 a.m., from Sydney; Jess, ktch., put in windbound at 4.30 p.m.

SOUTH HEAD.—Passed: March 18, Dilkera, s., at 9.15 a.m., south; a barque, hull down, at 2.15 p.m., north.

BELLAMBI.—Arr.: March 18, Werfa, s., at 5 a.m., Bega, s., at 6 a.m., Currajong, s., at 7.30 a.m., all from Sydney.

WOLLONGONG.—Arr.: March 18, Illawarra, s., at 3 a.m., Wallsend, s., at 5 a.m., Kurrara, s., at 4 a.m., Secret, s., at 6 a.m., Allowrie, s., at 5.40 p.m., all from Sydney. Dep.: Illawarra, s., at 5 a.m., for Kiama; Kurrara, s., at 2.30 p.m., for Sydney.

KIAMA.—Arr.: March 18, Kiama, s., at 6 a.m., Illawarra, s., at 8 a.m., both from Sydney. Dep.: Kiama, s., at 2.30 p.m.; Resolute, s., at 6.30 p.m., both for Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Arr.: March 18, Coomonderry, s., at 7 a.m., Illawarra, s., at 11 a.m., both from Sydney. Dep.: Coomonderry, s., at 5 p.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: March 18, a ship in light trim in sight to north-east at 5.30 a.m., north; Saxby, s., at 11.30 a.m., Euuka, s., at 4 p.m., Australia, R.M.S., at 6.30 p.m., all south.

BERMAGUI.—Arr.: March 18, Eden, s., at 6 p.m., from Tathra. Dep.: Eden, s., at 7.15 p.m., for Sydney.

MORUYA.—Passed: March 18, Federal, s., at 11.5 a.m., north.

EDEN.—Arr.: March 18, Eden, s., at 12.45 a.m., Wakatipu, s., at 10.45 a.m., both from Sydney. Dep.: Eden, s., at 9.10 a.m., for Sydney; Wakatipu, s., at 11.30 a.m., for Launceston.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: March 18, Wodonga, s., at 11.30 a.m., south.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: March 18, Nineveh, s., at 10.10 a.m., Genoa, ya wl, at 2 p.m., Wakatipu, s., at 2.25 p.m., all west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inward: March 18, Despatch, s., at 4.35 a.m.; Queenscliffe, s., at 10.30 a.m. Outward: Two steamers at 3 a.m. and 5.45 a.m.; Runnymede, s., at 7.35 a.m.; Banffshire, s., all p.m., for ports all well.

MELBOURNE.—Arr.: March 18, Polynesien, F.M.S., from Sydney. Dep.: March 18, Tyrian, s., Monowai, s., Narrung, s., Rhein, G.M.S., and Victoria, R.M.S., all for Sydney; Moeraki, s., for Hobart; Pindus, s., for Brisbane; A. J. Hocken, s., for Wyndham; Nitasi, German sh., for Newcastle; Mernoo, Rossman sh., for Albany.

QUEENSCLIFFE.—Dep.: March 18, G.M.S. Rhein at 2.35 p.m., for Sydney; R.M.S. Victoria at 6.30 p.m., for Sydney.

HOBART.—Arr.: March 18, Buffon, French bq., at 12.30 p.m., from Philadelphia. Dep.: March 18, Tongariro, s., at 6.10 a.m., for New Zealand.

LOW HEAD.—Dep.: March 17, Australian, s., at 11 p.m., for Melbourne.

DEVONPORT.—Arr.: March 18, Wanaka, s., at 2 a.m., from Launceston; Flora, s., at 11.20 a.m., from Melbourne. Dep.: March 18, Flora, s., at 5.30 p.m.

STANLEY.—Arr.: March 18, Glaucus, s., at 9 a.m., from Melbourne.

ADELAIDE.—Arr.: March 18, Fra, s., from Newcastle. Dep.: March 18, Pilbarra, s., for Melbourne and Sydney; Age, s., for Sydney.

PORT PIRIE.—Arr.: March 17, Time, s., from Newcastle.

WALLAROO.—Dep.: March 17, Shamrock, s., for Melbourne.

FREMANTLE.—Arr.: March 18, Orontes, R.M.S., from London.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON.—Arr.: March 18, Mokoia, s., from Sydney; Koonyra, s., from Melbourne.

BLUFF.—Arr.: March 18, Bona Fide, from Abrolhos Island. Dep.: March 18, Victoria, s., for Hobart.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.

Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.

*Letters for Melbourne only will be accepted without late fee for the express from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m., if posted at G.P.O. in the special box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.

Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.*

* Letters for Queensland will be accepted without late fee for the northern express from 3.45 to 4.15 p.m., if posted at G.P.O. in the special box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.

Macleay River.—Burrawong, 9 a.m.

Hobart.—Gunah, 10 a.m.

Thursday Island, Manila, Hongkong, Shanghai, and Japan.—Australian, noon.

Richmond River.—St. George, 1 p.m.

Samarai and Port Moresby (British New Guinea), via Brisbane.—Wyandra, 3.45 p.m.

‡United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—F.M.S. Polynesien, 4.30 p.m.

F.M.S. Polynesien (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.

‡United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—G.M.S. Bremen, 4.30 p.m.

G.M.S. Bremen (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.

Bellinger Heads.—Wootton, 5 p.m.

Manning River.—Electra, 7 p.m.

Adelaide, via Melbourne.—Gabo, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY.

New Britain.—H.I.G.M.S. Moewe, 4 p.m.

Macassar and Sourabaya, via Brisbane.—Solingen, 3.45 p.m.

Noumea.—St. Louis, 5 p.m.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Palermo, 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Brisbane.—Tyrian, noon.

Nambucca River.—Baden Powell, noon.

Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Monowai, noon.

Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Lyttelton.—Paparoa, noon.

Richmond River.—Tomki, 2 p.m.

Clarence River.—Kyogle, 2 p.m.

Australia, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Kawatiri, 3.30 p.m.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Flora, 3.30 p.m.

Cooktown, Thursday Island, British New Guinea, and Gulf ports, via Brisbane.—Maranoa, 3.30 p.m.

‡Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Gabo, 3.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Auckland, &c., N.Z., Navigators' Islands, Fanning Island, Honolulu, United States of America, Canada, Central America, West Indies, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe.—Oceanic steamship Sierra, 11 a.m. Except for letters placed in the Foreign Reserve, G.P.O., which may be posted for inclusion in the mail up to 11.30 a.m. without late fee.

‡Chili and Peru, via San Francisco.—Oceanic steamship Sierra, 11 a.m.

Eden.—Allowrie, 1 p.m.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 5.30 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Port Macquarie and Bellinger River.—Rosedale, 8 a.m.

Hobart.—Arglean, 11 a.m.

Richmond River.—Ramornie, 1 p.m.

Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Timor, Manila, Hongkong, and Japan.—Guthrie, noon.

Fiji, Honolulu, Canada, U.S. of America, Central America, West Indies, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe, via Brisbane.—R.M.S. Miowera, 2.30 p.m.

R.M.S. Miowera (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Brisbane, 2.30 p.m.

United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per R.M.S. Australia, 4.30 p.m.

R.M.S. Australia (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.

Dunedin, &c., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Victoria, 5.30 p.m.

Natal and Albany (W.A.), via Melbourne.—Nineveh, 5.30 p.m.

Western Australia, via Adelaide.—R.M.S. Australia, 5.30 p.m.

Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.

Byron Bay.—Cavanba, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Montague Island and Eden.—Eden, 11 a.m.

Auckland, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Westralia, 11 a.m.

Noumea and Fiji.—Burrumbeet, 4 p.m.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Palermo, 5.30 p.m.

Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Pilbarra, 5.30 p.m.

Capetown, Natal, and Hobart (Tas.), via Melbourne.—Persic, 7 p.m.

‡ Correspondence intended for transmission by this vessel must be specially endorsed with the name of the ship.

LATE MINING.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Wednesday.

Sales on the Exchange to-day were: Brilliant Block, 11s 1d; Brilliant Freehold, 4s 10½d; ditto, paid, 5s; Craven's Caledonia, 4s 8d, 4s 9d; Day Dawn Gold Mines, 17s, 17s 6d; Day Dawn West, 11d; Marshall's Queen, contributing, 21s 3d, 21s; Mills' United, 8s 6d, 8s 7d; New Queen, 4s 8d, 4s 9d; Papuan, 9s 9d, 9s 10d; Queen Cross Extended, 1s 3d; Queen Central, 19s 4d; ditto, paid, 19s 8d; Ruby, 7s 5d, 7s 6d; ditto, paid, 7s 10d, 7s 11d; Ruby South, 11d; Wallis Day Dawn, 10d; ditto, paid, 2s 10d.

Quotations were:—Bonnie Dundee, b 12s 4d, s 12s 7d; Brilliant Central, s 72s; Brilliant Block, b 11s 6d, s 11s; ditto, paid, b 11s 8d, s 12s; Brilliant Freehold, b 4s 10d, s 4s 11d; ditto, paid, b 2½s 6d; s 5s 6d; Brilliant St. George, b 21s 6d; ditto, paid, b 24s 6d; Brilliant Extended, b 17s 9d, s 18s 6d; ditto, paid, b 20s; Clark's B. W. and Victory, b 1s 5d, s 1s 9d; ditto, paid, b 2s 3d, s 2s 9d; Craven's Caledonia, b 4s 7d, s 4s 8d; Columbia G. M., b 2s; ditto, paid, b 4s; Coronation G. M., s 1s 1d; Day Dawn Gold Mines, b 17s 3d, s 17s 6d; Day Dawn West, b 10d, s 11d; ditto, paid, b 1s; East Mexica, paid, b 2s 6d; Alexandra, b 6d, s 8d; ditto, paid, b 1s 9d, s 2s; Grand and Sunset, b 1s 2d, s 4s 6d; Grand Junction, b 4s; ditto, paid, b 6s 6d; Kelly's Queen, s 1s; ditto, paid, b 2s; Kulamandu, b 1s 4d, s 1s 6d; ditto, paid, b 1s 10d, s 2s; Lady Florence, b 6d, s 8d; London G.M., b 4s 2d; Marshall's Queen, b 20s 10d, s 21s; ditto, paid, b 21s 6d, s 22s; Mills United, b 8s 5d, s 8s 8d; New Queen, b 4s 7d, s 4s 9d; North Queen, b 4s 8d, s 5s; ditto, paid, b 5s 3d; Papuan, b 9s 9d, s 10s; Phoebe, b 2s 11d, s 3s 1d; Queen's Cross Reef, b 50s, s 53s; Queen Cross Extended, seller 1s 4d; Queen Central, b 19s 3d, s 19s 9d; ditto, paid, b 19s 6d, s 20s; Ruby, b 7s 6d, s 7s 9d; ditto, paid, b 7s 10d, s 8s; Ruby United, s 1s 6d; ditto, paid, b 2s 6d; Ruby and Macdonald, b 8d, s 10d; Ruby South, b 11d, s 1s; ditto, paid, b 1s 10d, s 2s 1d; Vesuvius, b 1s 6d; Victoria and Queen, b 46s 6d; Victoria and Caledonia, s 12s 6d; Victoria G.M., s 4s 6d; Victory, paid, b 2s 3d, s 2s 6d; Wallis Day Dawn, b 9d, s 1s; ditto, paid, b 2s 9d, s 3s.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The following scratchings were received yesterday in connection with the A.J.C. autumn meeting:—Sydney Cup: Dahomey, Argentum. Doncaster Handicap: Dahomey. Champagne Stakes: Our Fiddler, Pistolite. Leger Stakes: Torchill, Hillsider, Angelo, All Heart.

The Gozo gelding Nacelle, who did so well in Queensland, has been spelled, and is being put into work again at Flemington by F. M'Namara.

New Zealand will be represented in the Great Eastern Steeplechase at Onkaparinga by Maori Chief, who has reached Adelaide. Another New Zealander in Evening Wonder, nominated for the Onkaparinga meeting, is not likely to come across.

Following are the latest scratchings in connection with the Rosehill Autumn Meeting:—Flying Welter: W.F. March Stakes, Capriform. Parramatta Cup: Pendant. Club Handicap, Silver Forest.

Great Scot is at the present moment looking in the best condition of his lifetime, and goes in great style. Both Payten and Barden admit they made a mistake in the V.R.C. St. Leger. A rumour gained currency and was widely published in the newspapers that the owner and jockey quarrelled over this race, and that Barden had severed his connection with the stable, but Payten informed the writer that not a cross word had passed about it. The reason why Barden did not ride Great Scot in the Loch Plate was because his services were promised to Mr. Macdonald for Fitchful before the meeting commenced. There was no ground for the publication of the canard.

J. Scully, late of Coolah, has his 15 boxes at Albany-street, Randwick, full of horses, and last week he was compelled to refuse two from a country client through lack of accommodation. The latest additions to his team are Ping Pong, Golddust, Blackwood, Faithful, and a gelding by Ajax. The last-named is a thoroughbred, and a useful sort of horse. He came to Scully's by mere chance. Mr. R. C. White noticing a horse bearing his brand in a Sydney cab, made a note of its number, and on referring to the Havilah Stud Book found the horse was thoroughbred, its dam being half-sister to Highborn. The animal had been sent down from Bando to Camperdown with a mob of utility horses, and was purchased by the cabman, who used him on the Sydney streets for a couple of months before a patron of Scully's stable, a good sport from the Lachlan, bought him on Mr. White's recommendation.

The improvements in the grand stand enclosure at Randwick are complete, and in a few days the roads and other outside work will be finished. The northern boundary of the reserve has been carried back to within about a chain from the old main entrance gates, and the eastern boundary has been extended out to about a similar distance from the Jockey Club's stables. The rubbing boxes near the entrance to the course have been done away with, and now all horses are stripped in the boxes situated in the corner nearly opposite the Kensington tramway waiting-room. These extensions have not only provided greater accommodation for the racehorses, as well as for the patrons of the paddock, but have considerably improved the appearance of that reserve, which is now in harmony with the general appointments at the headquarters of racing in this State. Some attention has also been paid towards the improvements of the outside tan training track. The old tan has been removed, and has been replaced by a thick layer of cinders, which has been well watered and rolled, and where it has firmed into road consistency has been covered with 2in. of tan. This expert in training tracks allow to be a move in the right direction. They maintain that a sound bottom is needed for all the tracks.

Turrandale Picnic R.C. race meeting was yesterday granted registration by the A.J.C.

Mr. Barber, of Melbourne, who bought the trotting stallion Almont in New Zealand, has made an offer of £100 for another New Zealand trotter, Beauild. Trotting stock are becoming valuable.

Pony and galloway races will be held at Forest Lodge to-day, the first event starting at 2.30 p.m.

The wonderful galloway mare Minerva having passed under the 14.2 standard was entered in a race for that class at Kensington, and the handicapper, Mr. F. Wilkinson, gave her 12.12, which is a record. The mare got away slowly, but came fast up the straight, and could have been placed if Williams had persevered with her, but she could not have caught the winner. Minerva did enough to show that it would not be wise to take any weight off her in a similar field to the one she met yesterday. When small horses carry such weights, what should be asked of big horses?

The programme will be found in the advertising columns for the pony and galloway races to be held at Kensington on Wednesday, 25th instant. Entries for the different events close with the secretary, Mr. J. O'Mara, at 5 p.m. on Friday next.

THE HAWKES BAY (N.Z.) STAKES.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

At the Hawkes Bay Jockey Club races to-day the contest for the principal event, the Hawkes Bay Stakes, was won by Achilles, with Gold Dust second, and Bandmaster third. Five started. Achilles won easily by three lengths in 1m. 23s. The totalisator dividend was £1 3s.

KENSINGTON PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

The pony and galloway races held at Kensington yesterday were well attended. The riders of Suzerain and Matlock were fined £1 each for being late at the post in the Trial Stakes. Appended are the details of the racing:—

Fourteen-three Handicap of 30 sovs., 4½f.—R. Batterby's ch m Sealight, by Freedom—dam by Beltram, 6 years, 1st (T. Price), 1; West Key, 4 years, 8st 2½lb, including 1lb over (W. Evans), 2; Lady Primrose, 4 years, 8st 2lb (W. M'Mahon), 3. Other starters: Signora, 9st 2lb; Kitty Sharp, 9st 1lb; Rosebank, 8st 10lb; Atom, 8st 2lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Atom, 3 to 1 v. Lady Primrose, 4 to 1 v. Rose Bay, 5 to 1 v. Sealight. Won by a length, a length and a half between second and third. Time, 59s.

Fourteen-one Welter Handicap of 25 sovs., 4½f.—H. Pepley's b g Stanthorpe, by St. Swithen—Thought, 4 years, 9st 5lb (A. J. Vining), 1; Dolly, 8st 7lb (W. Evans), 2; Venture, 9st (R. Brown), 3. Other starters: Indiana, 10st 10lb; Dryad, 9st 6lb; Cake Walk, 9st 9lb; Mulette, 9st 9lb; Miss Arden, 8st 9lb; Whitefoot, 8st 9lb; Verdict, 8st 8lb; Duncluthan, 8st 7lb; Muloonda, 9st 5lb; Bells Lady, 8st 1lb, including 1lb over. Betting: 5 to 2 against v. Mulette and Whitefoot, 4 to 1 v. Dolly, 5 to 1 v. Stanthorpe. Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 59¼s.

Trial Stakes (15.0) of 25 sovs., 5f.—J. Courtney's ch g Belted, by Lochiel—Vesta, 4 years, 7st 8lb (R. Vick), 1; Ecam, 7st (A. J. Vining), 2; Lady Ethel, 7st (W. M'Mahon), 3. Other starters: Sabot, 8st 7lb; Japanese, 8st 3lb; Ambition, 7st 8lb; Suzerain, 7st 4lb; Armagh, 7st 4lb; Nat Gould, 7st 4lb, including 4lb over. Betting: 3 to 1 v. Goldlock, 3 to 1 v. Uncle, 5 to 1 v. Suzerain, 7 to 1 v. Ambition. Won by two lengths, four lengths between second and third. Time, 1m. 4¾s.

Thirteen-two Handicap of 25 sovs., 4f.—J. Miller's b g Wallace, by Methord—Phoebe, 6 years or aged, 8st (A. J. Vining), 1; Kempsey, 8st 4lb (G. May), 2; Bluewing, 8st (T. Price), 3. Other starters: Indian, 7st 12lb; Ivy II., 7st 9lb; The Zulu, 7st 5lb; Sceptre, 7st 4lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Kempsey, 2 to 1 v. Wallace, 6 to 1 v. Indian. Won easily by a head, a neck between second and third. Time, 55s.

Fourteen-two Handicap of 30 sovs., 5½f.—D. M'Carthy's ch g Pride, by Launceston—Wildflower, 5 years, 7st 2lb (T. Ferrall), 1; Pride, 8st 2lb (W. Evans), 2; Minerva, 12st 12lb (J. Williams), 3. Other starters: Hant La, 7st 12lb; Akoe, 7st 5lb; Solberg, 7st. Betting: Even money on Minerva, 4 to 1 v. Hant La, 5 to 1 each v. Pride and Robin, 6 to 1 v. Akoe, 7 to 1 v. Solberg. Won by a length and a half, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1m. 1¼s.

Kensington Handicap (15.0) of 40 sovs., 5½f.—J. Gardener's g g Loch Arrow, by Lord Loch—Nellie, aged, 8st 7lb (W. M'Mahon), 1; Seabird, 8st 11lb (W. Evans), 2; Precious, 7st (P. Fraser), 3. Other starters: Trinket, 8st 10lb; Toledo, 8st 8lb; Curious, 7st 12lb; Little Gull, 7st 6lb; Imperial, 7st 6lb including 5lb over; Tonic, 7st. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Seabird, 4 to 1 v. Curious, 5 to 1 v. Loch Arrow, 6 to 1 bar three. Won by a head, half a length between second and third. Time, 1m. 10¾s.

BROKEN HILL JOCKEY CLUB.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The Broken Hill Jockey Club had splendid weather for its autumn meeting this afternoon. The attendance was poor, but the racing was good. Results:—

Trial Stakes, 6f.—Federal, 10st 2lb (Clements), 1; Precious, 9st 12lb (Byron), 2; Lord Roberts, 8st 5lb (Willis), 3. Other starters: Biggs, 8st 12lb (Costello); Bolan, 7st 10lb (White); Last Chance, 7st 5lb (Jaques). Betting: 5 to 4 on Federal. Won in a canter by a length. Time, 1m. 22½s.

Broken Hill J.C. Handicap, 9f.—Albani, 9st 5lb (Willis), 1; Whisper, 9st (Costello), 2; Meteor, 9st 1lb (Clements), 3. Selector, 9st 3lb (White), also started. Betting: 5 to 4 on Meteor, 5 to 2 each v. Albani and Selector, 10 to 1 v. Whisper. Won easily by two lengths. Time, 2m. 8¼s.

Welter Handicap, 1m.—Federal, 9st 10lb (Clements), 1; Whisper, 10st 4lb (Costello), 2; Albani, 11st 1lb (Willis), 3. Betting: 2 to 1 on Albani, 5 to 2 v. Federal. Won by half a length. Time, 1m. 51s.

Railway Handicap, 7f.—Selector, 9st 5lb (White), 1; Precious, 7st 10lb (Willis), 2; Last Chance, 11st (Jaques), 3. Three started. Betting: 7 to 2 on Selector, 3 to 1 v. Precious. Won easily by three-quarters of a length. Time, 1m. 31 4-5s.

Flying Handicap, 6f.—Meteor, 9st 6lb (Clements), 1; Ballet Girl, 7st 13lb (Williams), 2; Selector, 10st 1lb (White), 3. Other starter: Hardwood, 7st 11lb (Jaques). Betting: 6 to 4 each on Selector and Meteor, 2 to 1 v. Ballet Girl. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m. 20s.

GURRANDAH RACES.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

The Gurrandah races yesterday were well attended. The racing was good. Results:—

Local Handicap.—Hard Luck, 9st 5lb, 1; Good-bye, 7st, 2; Oonah, 8st 12lb, 3.

St. Patrick's Handicap.—Haste, 7st, 1; Wattawa, 7st 2lb, 2; Albania, 9st 7lb, 3.

Gurrandah Handicap.—Haste, 7st 3lb, 1; Albania, 9st 7lb, 2; Wattawa, 7st, 3.

Flying Handicap.—Variety, 9st 12lb, 1; Charcoal, 7st, 2.

MONGARLOWE RACES.

BRAIDWOOD, Wednesday.

Races were held at Mongarlowe yesterday. Results:—

Opening Handicap.—Killarney, 1.

Diggers' Purse.—Barbella, 1.

Hurdle Race.—Ladysmith, 1; Novelty, 2; Barbelle, 3.

Residents' Handicap.—Copperas.

Farewell Handicap.—Copperas.

GLADSTONE RACES.

KEMPSEY, Wednesday.

There was a fair attendance at the Gladstone races yesterday. Results:—

Opening Handicap.—Mavis, 1; Barrister, 2.

Hack Scurry.—Wakeful II., 1.

Club Handicap.—Sir Charles, 1; Dutcher Boy, 2; Macleman, 3.

Hurdle Race.—Silence, 1.

Hack Race.—Jack, 1.

Final Handicap.—Sir Charles, 1; Mavis, 2.

ONKAPARINGA JOCKEY CLUB.

WEIGHTS FOR THE AUTUMN MEETING.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Following are the weights issued for the Onkaparinga meeting:—

Handicap Hurdle Race, 2m. 3fch.—Fusilette, 13st; Corbie, 11st 4lb; Marton, 11st 13lb; Evening Wonder, 11st 5lb; Maltong, 11st 7lb; Dreyfus, 11st 5lb; Shamrock, 11st 3lb; Isis, 11st 2lb; Aqua, 11st; Telemachus, 11st; Lorne, 10st 10lb; Valour, 10st 7lb; Gondolier, 10st 7lb; Maori Chief, 10st 7lb; Retnart, 10st 5lb; Exeter, 10st 5lb; Gratis, 10st 3lb; Sydney, 10st; Beam, 10st; Melody, 10st; Actress, 9st 12lb; Petherton, 9st 10lb; Burlaway, 9st 10lb; Persist, 9st 8lb; Fallow Deer, 9st 7lb; Pierrot (by Glendhu), 9st 7lb; White Crest, 9st 5lb; Capable, 9st 5lb; Viking, 9st 2lb; Audax, 9st 3lb; Avymore, 9st; Swamp, 9st; Bombard, 9st; Bonjour, 9st; Generalissimo, 9st; Royal, 9st; Saluta, 9st; Allegiance, 9st; Tornado, 9st; Hornpipe, 9st; Saraasti, 9st; Hero, 9st; Faultless, 9st; Austral, dead.

Onkaparinga Cup, 1m. 3f.—Footbolt, 10st 5lb; Flagship, 10st; Wairiri, 9st 12lb; Australian, 9st 12lb; Combat, 9st 10lb; Orphan Boy, 9st 5lb; Mauser, 9st 2lb; Novitiate, 9st; Asteroid, 8st 9lb; Sojourner, 8st 7lb; Carinthia, 8st 7lb; Avalon, 8st 6lb; The Sailor, 8st 6lb; Fairy States, 8st 5lb; Trochon, 8st 4lb; Aqua, 8st 2lb; Glenely, 8st 2lb; Eland, 8st; Mustehaka, 7st 12lb; Clifton, 7st 12lb; Presto, 7st 12lb; Duchess, 7st 10lb; Adelaide, 7st 7lb; Lorne, 7st 8lb; Elkorn, 7st 8lb; Matong, 7st 8lb; Bayou, 7st 7lb; Enigma, 7st 7lb; Tapiora, 7st 3lb; The Bird, 7st 3lb; Rapid, 7st 2lb; Pilgrim, 7st 2lb; Moschi, 6st 11lb; Florin, 6st 11lb; Quongdong, 6st 10lb; Lord Kitchener, 6st 10lb; Tinfoil, 6st 10lb; Mount Lofty, 6st 8lb; Merola, 6st 8lb; Discussion, 6st 8lb; Triumph, 6st 8lb; Inquisitive, 6st 7lb; Abyss, 6st 7lb; King Edward, 6st 7lb; Finance, 6st 7lb; Generalissimo, 6st 7lb; Reindeer, 6st 7lb; Flying Column, 6st 7lb.

Great Eastern Steeplechase, 3½m.—Colonel Shillinski, 13st 8lb; Arcadia, 12st 11lb; Freedom, 12st 11lb; Kiota, 12st 7lb; Kismate, 12st 3lb; Mystery, 12st; Evening, 11st 12lb; Wonder, 11st 12lb; Aloha, 11st 12lb; Syringa, 11st 7lb; Rising Fund, 11st 7lb; Shamrock, 11st 3lb; Isis, 11st; Maori Chief, 11st; Cromwell, 10st 12lb; Old Clown, 10st 12lb; Allahditta, 10st 10lb; Ranji, 10st 9lb; Loddon, 10st 9lb; Ronald, 10st 9lb; Drummer, 10st 8lb; Convoy, 10st 8lb; Gratis, 10st 8lb; Royal Mail, 10st 8lb; Purghos, 10st 7lb; Leiron, 10st 7lb; Marydale, 10st 7lb; Sindhia, 10st 4lb; Wonglebarnie, 10st 3lb; Gondolier, 10st 3lb; Happy Jack, 10st 3lb; Quongdong, 10st; Sea Wave, 9st 12lb; Foster, 9st 12lb; Supple Jack, 9st 11lb; Bike, 9st 11lb; The Actor, 9st 3lb; Mermaid, 9st; Hurricane, 9st; Express, 9st; Emeline, 9st; Tranquility, 9st; Onkaparinga, 9st; Klondyke, 9st; Maroun, 9st.

Hill's Railway Stakes, 5f.—Fortune Teller, 10st 5lb; Independence, 10st; Trochon, 9st 7lb; Mauser, 9st 5lb; Adelaide, 9st 3lb; May King, 9st; Stalfa, 9st; Golden Queen, 9st 12lb; Lucky Star, 8st 7lb; Prospero, 8st 7lb; Clifton, 8st 3lb; Gambil, 8st 3lb; Enigma, 8st; Considerane, 7st 12lb; Florin, 7st 10lb; Caerleon, 7st 9lb; Throw, 7st 7lb; Moschi, 7st 7lb; First Fleece, 7st 3lb; Antilles, 7st; Northumberland, 7st; La Fronde, 7st; Blue Blood, 7st; Triumph, 6st 12lb; Herd Laddie, 6st 11lb; Port Adelaide, 6st 10lb; Thorax, 6st 9lb; Bowena, 6st 9lb; Pandora, 6st 9lb; Araluen, 6st 8lb; Oxygen, 6st 8lb; Profit, 6st 7lb; Caroline, 6st 7lb; Ballet Girl, 6st 7lb; Alluvial, 6st 7lb; Gigolette, 6st 7lb; Conceal, 6st 7lb; Masher, 6st 7lb; Unley Park, 6st 7lb; Malvern, 6st 7lb; Black Bess, 6st 7lb.

BUCHANAN JOCKEY CLUB.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

Following are the weights declared for the Buchanan Jockey Club races:—

Flying Handicap, 6f.—Scots Guard, 9st 12lb; Miss Minerva, 9st 10lb; La Mute, 8st 7lb; War Cry, 7st 12lb; Cheeky, 7st 13lb; Glencoe, 7st 13lb; Floride, 7st 12lb; Headlight, 7st 12lb; Osprey, 7st 5lb; Joe, 7st 2lb; Bluey, 6st 8lb; Jenny, 6st 9lb; Lady Carlyle, 6st 7lb; Lady Olive, 6st 7lb.

Donnybrook Handicap, 6f.—Scots Guard, 9st 10lb; La Mute, 8st 7lb; War Cry, 7st 13lb; Cheeky, 7st 13lb; Floride, 7st 12lb; Headlight, 7st 12lb; Jenny, 6st 9lb; Lady Olive, 6st 7lb.

Forced Handicap, 6f.—La Mute, 9st 5lb; Cheeky, 8st 10lb; Flaneur, 8st 10lb; Glencoe, 8st 10lb; Headlight, 8st 10lb; Trumper, 8st; Bluey, 7st 7lb; Lady Noble, 7st 7lb; Jenny, 7st 7lb; Lady Carlyle, 7st 5lb; Lady Olive, 7st 5lb; Prince Charming, 7st 5lb.

COURSING AT BELMORE.

A moderate attendance viewed the sport at the Belmore Plumpton yesterday, when the St. Patrick's, Shamrock, First Puppy, and Supplementary stakes were concluded. One or two hot favourites were defeated, but taken all round, the dogs most fancied were successful. Manna defeated Orlando after a fine course for the First Puppy Stakes, the favourite, Master Toffy, having been withdrawn, after sustaining an injury. Injuries to the feet were rather common, and it is apparent that the Belmore Plumpton when it is not damp is rather a severe ground upon the dogs. Scobie, a dog which had shown excellent form, had to be withdrawn in the first ties of the Supplementary Stakes, leaving Consoler to fight out the deciding course with Hop Bitters. Consoler won at all points against Hop Bitters. Loyal Stone had the better of Dear Erin in the final of the St. Patrick's Stakes, and Goldwing lost Black Watch in the final for the Shamrock Stakes. Only six hares were killed during the day. Two hares which were muzzled by the dogs surprised the spectators by getting to their feet again and reaching the escapes. Mr. R. T. Ball as judge gave entire satisfaction, his decisions being unimpeachable.

The results were as follows:—

ST. PATRICK'S STAKES.

First Ties.

Mr. J. Harper's bk and w b Olive (late Trixy), Black Douglas—Lena. } withdrawn hurt.

Messrs. Corven Brothers' bk and w d Charon, Business—Wee Gem. }

Mr. J. Denihey's bk and w b Dear Erin, Premier Shanco—Diana, beat Mr. F. Figtree's f and w b Flirt, Kiora—Lady Rosebery.

Mr. E. Donaghey's f d Loyal Stone (late Charmer), Blarney Stone—Miss Revel, beat Mr. H. Roulston ns bk and w b Kilmore, Black Star—Kilmorna.

Mr. J. Fogg ns rd b Cuckoo, Herald—Nightingale, beat Mr. J. Denihey's bk and w b Rodney, Blaize—Queen of Spain.

Mr. J. E. O'Brien's bk and w d Black Water, Black Star—Kilmorna, beat Mr. J. Ryan's bk and w d Vinegar Hill, Drinan Dhu—Buxom IV.

Second Ties.

Loyal Stone beat Black Water. Dear Erin and Cuckoo byes.

Third Ties.

Dear Erin beat Cuckoo. Loyal Stone a bye.

Deciding Course.

Loyal Stone beat Dear Erin.

SHAMROCK STAKES.

First Ties.

Mr. S. H. Fowler's bk and w b Flashlight, Licorice—Myee, beat Mr. G. Keighrey's bk b Kilfinera, Black Star—Kilmorna.

Messrs. Bramwell and M'Affee's bk and w d Black Watch, Kiora—Floss, beat Mr. J. Denihey's ns bk and w b Rapidity, Black Douglas—Diana.

Mr. S. J. Greenhalgh's rd or f b Goldwing, Lindsay Gordon—Gipsy Queen, beat Mr. R. G. Brereton's, bk and w d Better Luck, Matalgia—Moravian.

Mr. G. Roberts's ns bk and w b La Gold, Licorice—La Valetta, beat Mr. Esther's bk and w d Tontine, Tattler—Lady.

Mr. Graham's ns f and w d Minstrel, Larry—Ann Devilia, a bye.

Second Ties.

Black Watch beat Flashlight. Goldwing beat Minstrel.

Third Ties.

Black Watch beat La Gold. Goldwing a bye.

Deciding Course.

Goldwing beat Black Watch.

FIRST PUPPY STAKES.

First Ties.

Mr. R. G. Brereton's ns Master Toffy, Licorice—Myee, beat Mr. H. A. Cresswell's bk and w d E. M. C., Black Douglas—Rowena.

Mr. H. Martineer's bk and w d Manna, Licorice—Myee, beat Mr. C. Fulton's jun. bdl and w d Trooper, Rangara—Vain Hope.

Mr. J. E. O'Brien's f and w d Orlando, Donald Camac—Lady Clements, a bye.

Second Ties.

Manna, a bye (Master Toffy withdrawn hurt).

Orlando, a bye.

Deciding Course.

Manna beat Orlando.

SUPPLEMENTARY STAKES.

For eight dogs, all ages, at £1 1s; winner, £5 5s; runner-up, £3 3s.

First Round.

Dolores beat Hurly Burly. Scobie beat The Prince.

Hop Bitters beat Lady Durham. Consoler beat Folly.

First Ties.

Hop Bitters beat Dolores.

Consoler and Scobie ran an undecided. Scobie was then withdrawn hurt.

Deciding Course.

Consoler beat Hop Bitters.

CRICKET.

LORD HAWKE'S TEAM.

Lord Hawke's team to meet New South Wales in the match beginning to-morrow arrived in Sydney yesterday, and were met at the station by Messrs. P. K. Bowden, P. Sheridan, C. H. Ross, F. A. Iredale, S. H. Fairland, M. A. Noble, A. W. Green, and others, and were welcomed. They then drove to the Hotel Australia, where they will stay while in Sydney. Mr. Warner, captain of the Englishmen, has chosen Mr. A. C. Jones to umpire in conjunction with Mr. R. Callaway. The team will be entertained by the New South Wales Cricket Association on Saturday evening at dinner at the Hotel Australia.

WEDNESDAY PREMIERSHIP FINAL.

REDFERN v. GENERAL POST OFFICE.

The final match for the Mitchell shield and Wednesday premiership was continued yesterday at Hampden Oval. There was a large attendance present, and great interest was taken in the play. G.P.O. continued their innings (which last week stood at seven for 85), and carried the score to 146, a lead of 51 on the first innings. The Redfern team in their second innings completely mastered the bowling, scoring 250 for the loss of three wickets, Barnes playing a splendid innings of 148 not out (which included 24 fours). This player holds the record of the highest individual score in Wednesday cricket, viz., 331 not out, compiled during the present season. Following are the scores:—

General Post Office.—First Innings.

F. Hinchy, c and b Cranston	33		R. E. Wilson, c Robinson, b W. Barnes	5
A. Grace, c Chapman, b Hooker	26		P. J. Howe, st Birks, b Cranston	1
A. Cochrane, c Birks, b Cranston	0		Love, b Robinson	19
J. Conway, not out	33		J. Varley, c Siddens, b Robinson	13
E. Brown, c Siddens, b Cranston	2		J. Fitzgerald, b Cranston	0
J. Gould, c Siddens, b Cranston	4		Sundries	9
				146

Bowling.—Cranston, six for 58; Hooker, one for 38; W. Barnes, one for 36; Robinson, two for 9.

Redfern.—First Innings, 95.

Second Innings.

J. Siddens, b Gould	9		F. Robinson, not out	39
W. Birks, b Gould	33		Sundries	13
C. Barnes, not out	148			
W. Barnes, c Wilson, b Hinchy	8		Three wickets for	250

Bowling.—Gould, 2 for 61; Hinchy, 1 for 21; Brown, 0 for 41; Howe, 0 for 54; Grace, 0 for 27; Wilson, 0 for 16.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

The return cricket match between the Commercial Travellers and Wagga Half-holiday Association took place here to-day and was won by the former. Scores: Travellers, 99; Half-holiday, 90.

CYCLING.

BURWOOD CYCLING CLUB.

The fifth half-yearly meeting of the above club was held at the School of Arts, Burwood, on Tuesday evening. The hon. secretary's report showed that matters were flourishing. The hon. treasurer's balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £7 odd. Mr. Doman's resignation as hon. secretary was received with regret, and a vote of thanks was passed for past services. Mr. J. Squire was elected to the position of hon. secretary, with Mr. F. Gazzard as assistant. Other vacancies were filled as follows:—Handicapper, Mr. C. Winn; auditor, Mr. W. Treloar; and two committeemen, Messrs. P. Miller and R. Westman. Two new members were also duly elected. Mr. T. W. Henderson then presented the prizes won at last road race, and the meeting terminated.

WARREN, Wednesday.

A bicycle carnival was held on the show ground yesterday. The principal events resulted as follows:—

St. Patrick's Handicap, 10 sovs., 1m.—L. S. Hall (Wellington), 150yds., 1; N. Hives (Dubbo), 120yds., 2; F. R. Corbett, 125yds., 3.

Warren Wheel Race, £20, 2m.—A. J. Hutchins (Dubbo), 40yds., 1; P. Knight (Fyagun), 250yds., 2; L. S. Hall, 200yds., 3. A protest was lodged by Knight against Hutchins on the ground that the latter was not registered under the New South Wales League of Wheelmen. Time, 4m. 12¼s. Consideration of the protest was deferred for a week pending investigation.

BOWLS.

WAVERLEY CLUB TOURNAMENTS.

Additional games in the Waverley Club tournaments have been played off during the week.

The following are the results of the more recent games:—

Club Championship.

M. J. Fitzgerald, 31, beat H. C. Evans, 23.

W. Donaldson, 31, beat S. B. King, 20.

Captain Kondio, 31, beat S. O. Irvine, 25.

In the draw for the semi-final Fitzgerald and Donaldson will meet. The winner will then compete against Kondio, who received a bye, in the final.

General Handicap.

S. O. Irvine (2 on), 22, beat W. Rummell (2 on), 8.

Captain Kondio (3 behind), 24, beat D. M'Donald (scratch), 10.

In the semi-final J. F. Martin will meet E. G. Wahlberg, and O. Carroll will play C. G. Sledge.

Pair Handicap.

S. B. King and W. A. Davall (3 on), 21, beat M. J. Fitzgerald and E. H. Parsons (scratch), 13.

The recently-formed green belonging to the Waverley Club was used for the first time by the members yesterday afternoon. The added area is sufficiently large to accommodate four rinks. The work of forming and top-dressing has been well carried out, and the official opening will take place shortly. A match will then be played between a team from Waverley and the Ballarat Central team, who will be the guests of the local club.

SWIMMING.

EAST SYDNEY CLUB.

The East Sydney Swimming Club brought off a 50yds. handicap event at Farmer's Rushcutter Bay baths, on Tuesday night. The handicapping was good, so that the various heats were closely contested. The officials were:—Starter, Mr. G. Farmer; check starter, Mr. W. H. Hobbs; and judges, Messrs. Claude Healy and Harold Healy. The following are the results:—First heat: H. Sargeant, 7s., 1; Cecil Healy, 1s., 2; F. Power, 3. Time, 32 2-5s. Second heat: A. Sime, 1; E. Davis, 2; R. Healy, 3. Time, 34 4-5s. Third heat: L. M'Carthy, 6s., 1; M. Duffy, 2; W. Barry, 3. Time, 31s. Fourth heat: H. Pardey, 1; G. Staining, 2; C. Oliffe, 3. Time, 34 2-5s. Final: H. Pardey, 1; H. Sergeant, 2; L. M'Carthy, 3. Time, 34 3-5s.

The East Sydney Club has decided to hold a 440yds. handicap at the Rushcutter Bay baths on April 4. Prizes will be awarded as follows:—First, £3 3s; second, £1 11s 6d; third, £1 1s. The prizes have been presented by Mr. G. Farmer.

BONDI CLUB.

The above club brought off a 100yds. handicap, at the Bondi baths, on Tuesday evening. There was a good muster of members and their friends, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. J. Chambers was starter and timekeeper, Mr. A. E. Beaumont check starter, and Mr. E. E. Wootten judge. The following is the result of the racing:—

First heat: C. Riva, 0s., 1; S. Boyce, 10s., 2; J. Rae, 8s., 3. Time, 1m 17s. Second heat: R. Paling, 10s., 1; G. Alderton, 7s., 2; L. Abel, 14s., 3. Time, 1m. 20s. Third heat: H. Massey, 18s., 1; M'Arthur, 15s., 2; J. Rogers, 16s., 3. Time, 1m. 27s. Final: C. Riva, 10s., 1; H. Massey, 18s., 2; R. Paling, 10s., 3. Time, 1m. 16s.

REDFERN CLUB.

The Redfern Club brought off a 54yds. handicap at the Coogee Aquarium baths, on Monday night. The following are the results:—First heat: R. Walsh, 8s., 1; G. Patterson, 10s., 2; A. Wileman, scratch, 3. Time, 40s. Second heat: W. Wells, 6s., 1; W. Walsh, 11s., 2; W. Ellbeck, 9s., 3. Time, 39s. Final: R. Walsh, 1; G. Patterson, 2; W. Wells, 3. Won by half a yard. Time, 38 2-5s.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

The Wagga Swimming Club held the closing meeting of the season in the Murrumbidgee this afternoon. The attendance was large, and entries numerous. Results:—

Members' Handicap, 100yds.—G. Fiddes, scratch, 1; H. W. Payne, 11s., 2; A. Hawkins, 15s., 3. Time, 1¼m.

Boys, 16 years and under, 50yds.—Sing Gee, scratch, 1; L. Sheppard, 4s., 2.

Teams' Race, 150yds.—Sheppard's team, 1; Sing Gee's team, 2.

Egg and Spoon Race, 50yds.—Payne, 1; G. Fiddes, 2.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

NEW SOUTH WALES GUN CLUB.

Open sweepstake shooting took place at the above club's ground yesterday, the first sweep being £2 per gun. Results were as follows:—

First Sweep, £2, 14 competitors.—H. Garratt (30), *Kosciusco (29), Modini (26), and W. H. Calvert (22) divided, killing 5.

Second Sweep, £1, 17 competitors.—*Herbert (30), *Pyramid (29), Modini (26), and A. Brown (23), divided, killing 12.

Third Sweep, £1, 15 competitors.—G. Modini (26), R. G. Burn (25), *Canuck (23), and Brien (25), divided, killing 6.

Fourth Sweep, £1, 12 competitors.—Owing to darkness the referee (*Pierce) ordered a number of shooters to divide at end of round seven.

*Assumed.

HARDEN, Wednesday.

A local pigeon match was shot off on the railway reserve this afternoon. Results:—No. 1 sweep: Tickle and Pustarla divided on the fifth round. No. 2 sweep: Divided by Clayton and Grant on the fourth round. No. 3 sweep: Divided by Clayton, Tickle, and Grant on the sixth round.

DISTRESS AT URANA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of March 10 last appears an account of the distress at Urana, given to you by Mr. F. L. Hodgkinson, a storekeeper at Urana.

Residents from all parts of the Urana district were astounded at the reports you published, and the Urana Progress Association were asked to call a meeting at once to consider the matter. The special meeting was held in the Public Hall at Urana last night, Dr. Macknight in the chair, and a resolution was passed unanimously that the editor of the "Sydney Morning Herald" be at once written to by the secretary of the Urana Progress Association contradicting the false statements re the distress in the Urana district, and acting on said instructions I now reply to Mr. Hodgkinson's remarks.

1. That he could quote numerous cases of distress that came under his personal notice—he quoted one case of a widow with three children, who was in receipt of Government aid. This widow would not have been in any better circumstances had the season been a good one. Her husband was killed sometime ago, and the widow herself is an invalid, but the residents have been very kind to her, and she has been well looked after. This is the only case of distress in the Urana district.

2. Last week the last lot of sheep on one of the largest stations in the State—about 14,000—were sent by rail into the far west to try to save them. These sheep belong to the Hon. Samuel M'Caughey of Coonong, and were sent to his property near Bourke, where good rains have fallen, and good feed is the result.

3. There was no butcher in the town; in fact, there was no meat to be slaughtered, and the meat supply had to be obtained from 30 miles distant by coach. There are two butchers supplying the town, and there are more fat sheep in the Urana district to-day than in any other district in Southern Riverina. The butchers have no difficulty at all in purchasing fat stock, and within eight miles of the town on one station are 3000 prime fat wethers, and on another station, 20 miles away, every hoof on the station is fat, in fact the manager states the lambing ewes are much too fat for breeding, and he anticipates a less percentage of lambs this year on that account.

4. That the Colombo Creek is now dry and could be driven across at any point. This is the natural state of the creek, except in flood time, but there is plenty of water at the dams.

5. That the Urana Lake and the creeks flowing into it were also dry. The Urana Lake has been dry for the last seven years, and the owners of this land hope it may always remain dry, as the bed of the lake is the richest fattening country in the Urana district; it is 21 miles round the lake and seven miles across. The creeks run only after heavy rain, but the main creek between the town of Urana and the lake (three miles) is now full of water.

6. Prior to last week he said there was not a vestige of feed, &c. There has been fair feed in the Urana district all through the past years of drought, and at the present time there are 60 head of large stock on the town common, and they are doing well. Two old cows died on the common during the past few months. The townspeople's horses are out on a station nine miles from Urana, and are all fat. Since the late rains the grass is coming on quickly.

7. That one man, who had a fine team of horses worth at least £25 per head, had lost them all. These horses died in the Tumberumba district, and the owner says they would all have been alive if they had not left the Urana district.

8. That last week the local progress association had applied to the committee of the Lord Mayor's Fund for some relief. This is true, and the motion was moved by Mr. Hodgkinson. The chairman of the meeting (Mr. T. Newton) said he hardly thought anyone would apply for relief, but that it was probably wise to apply and then see if any applications were put in.

9. That there was practically no stock left in the district at present, and what few valuable animals remained had to be hand fed. The official returns of stock in the Urana sheep district are as follows:—Horses, 2471; cattle, 1953; sheep, 322,091. The only stations hand-feeding in the district are Brookong and Mohonga.

10. That the people were living on bread and treacle. The sergeant of police was interviewed, and, asked if he knew of any family or families living on bread and treacle, he said: "No—absurd. I know every family in the district."

11. That it was impossible to get goods delivered from the railway to the interior. Fabulous rates had to be paid, &c. Teamsters can be obtained when wanted, and they only charge 20s per ton from Coonong railway station, and 40s per ton from Corowa. This latter price is very hard to obtain by the carriers. In good seasons the price per ton from Coonong is 15s, and from Corowa 25s per ton. Considering the high price of chaff the teamsters' charges are not fabulous.

12. That there is now only one settler who has been able to keep his horse alive and in good condition, and he has to take out all the stores to the others, and that people could be met every day walking 10 miles for supplies. This is simply ridiculous, as there is not a settler in the district who has not got a horse or horses.

Trusting that you will publish this in your valuable paper, and thanking you in anticipation.

I am, &c., J. WISE,
Secretary Urana Progress Association.

March 14.

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LAW REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18.

BANCO COURT.

(Before the Acting Chief Justice and a jury of four.)

CLAIM AGAINST THE FEDERAL POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

INJURED BY AN ELECTRIC WIRE.

Hannah v. Dalgarno.

Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Cliner, instructed by Mr. J. B. Frawley, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Pilcher, K.C., and Mr. Garland, instructed by Messrs. Macnamara and Smith, for the defendant. This was an action brought by Robert Hannah, cab proprietor, against James Dalgarno (State Deputy Postmaster-General) as nominal defendant on behalf of the Commonwealth Government to recover £500 compensation for injury sustained by plaintiff, owing, as he alleged, to the negligence of the servants of the defendant on August 9, 1901. The case for the plaintiff has already been given.

At the close of the plaintiff's case Mr. Garland moved for a nonsuit on the ground that there was no evidence of negligence to go to the jury, but his Honor refused to nonsuit, being of opinion that though the evidence of negligence was exceedingly slight he thought on the doctrine laid down in the case of Scott v. London Dock Company, 34, L.I. Exchequer, page 220, cited by Mr. Ferguson, that he ought to call upon the other side to give evidence. The doctrine laid down in that case was stated as follows:—"There must be reasonable evidence of negligence. But where the thing is shown to be under the management of the defendant or his servants, and the accident is such as in the ordinary course of things does not happen if those who have the management use proper care, it affords reasonable evidence in the absence of explanation by the defendant that the accident arose from the want of care."

Evidence was then gone into on behalf of defendant, and James Bailey, line repairer, said that on the date of the accident he was on one of the poles putting in an insulator to prevent the telephone wire from touching the post. He had bored a hole for that purpose, and was screwing in the insulator, when one of the wires above where he was working carried away and fell upon the tramway or "trolly" cable, from which it became charged with electricity. It then came into contact with and fused two other wires, and brought them down also. He descended from the pole, and just as he reached the ground he noticed a cabman drive up against the wire. Witness also stated that he afterwards put his coat round the wire, and, carrying it up the post, fixed it in its original position. The cabman drove into the wire about four minutes after it had reached the ground, and the wire seemed to hit the horse on the off shoulder.

Another line-repairer named Harold Farrell gave evidence that he was on the pole under Bailey when the first wire came down from a position well above Bailey's head. Witness then returned down the ladder and noticed the "live" wire swinging in a circular position. He then saw a cabman drive from behind a tram which had stopped and the wire swung round the back of the cab and struck the horse. When he first saw the cabman he called out to warn him, but he seemed to be confused and first of all urged his horse on and then tried to pull him in.

The evidence was concluded, and at 4 o'clock the further hearing was adjourned to the following day.

No. 1 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Owen and a jury of four.)

ACTION FOR WORK DONE.

Williams v. Great Australian Quicksilver Mining Company, Limited.

Mr. Leverrier and Mr. Roseby, instructed by Messrs. King and Schrader, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Garland, instructed by Mr. A. W. E. Weaver, for the defendants. This was an action brought by Thomas Howell Williams against the Great Australian Quicksilver Mining Company, Limited, to recover the sum of £80, being balance of account alleged to be due for work done by the plaintiff and materials provided from July 16, 1900, to August, 1901, and also money advanced by the plaintiff on behalf of defendant company in payment of wages. The claim was in respect of services said to have been rendered by plaintiff on the site of the defendant's mine in the Clarence River district. The defendants pleaded never indebted.

The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for £59.

ACTION FOR ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE.

THE FEDERAL TARIFF.

Commonwealth Portland Cement Company, Limited, v. Weber, Lohmann, and Co.

Mr. Pilcher, K.C., and Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by Messrs. Minter, Simpson, and Co., appeared for the plaintiffs; and Sir Julian Salomons, K.C., and Dr. Sly, instructed by Messrs. Sly and Russell, for the defendants. This was an action brought by the plaintiffs to recover compensation for loss sustained by them owing, as they alleged, to the negligence of the defendants in regard to the passing of entries on goods ex steamer Karlsruhe.

Mr. Pilcher said that as far as he knew there was no conflict about the facts of the case, and it appeared to him that the whole matter involved two or three nice questions of law, with which the jury would not be troubled. The plaintiff company had cement works at Portland, in the Marulan district, and for the purpose of carrying on their business they were importing a large quantity of machinery, the greater part of which came from Germany in the steamers of the Nord Deutscher Lloyd, for which company defendants were the agents. On April 24, 1901, defendants entered into a contract with plaintiffs to "handle" the goods arriving for them by the steamers of the Nord Deutscher line and pass the necessary Customs entries. On September 30 of the same year the plaintiffs wrote to defendants notifying that goods consigned to them were to arrive by the steamer Karlsruhe and enclosing bills of lading. They also requested the defendants to clear the goods on arrival and deliver at Darling Harbour according to agreement. On October 3 defendants acknowledged the receipt of the bills of lading and promised that the matter should have their attention. The Karlsruhe arrived at Sydney on Sunday, October 6, and October 7 being Eight-hour Day the ship was not reported to the Customs until 10 minutes past 9 o'clock on the morning of the 8th, and under the State Customs Act entries had to be passed within 24 hours of the date of the vessel being reported. The defendants therefore had the whole of October 8 within which to pass entries and a short time on the morning of the 9th, but no entries were passed in regard to plaintiffs' goods, which on the dates mentioned would have passed free. At 4 o'clock on the afternoon of October 8, however, a resolution was moved in the Federal Parliament for the adoption of a schedule of Customs duties on certain goods, and upon that resolution being passed the customs duties at once came into force, subject of course to ratification by Act of Parliament, and if the Act was not passed the money paid by importers had to be refunded. The defendants must or ought to have known of this state of things, and had ample time to pass the Customs entries on the goods ex Karlsruhe before the Federal tariff came into operation, but they neglected to do so within the time already mentioned, with the result that the plaintiffs had to pay Federal Customs duty on their goods, amounting to £990, which they now sought to recover from the defendants. Whether they were entitled to recover in law was a matter which the Full Court would have to determine.

The main defence was that the defendants did within a reasonable time after the arrival of the Karlsruhe make the necessary entries, that they exercised due care and diligence in the matter, and that they did not agree with plaintiffs on the terms alleged.

The case stands part heard.

NO. 2 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Pring and a special jury of 12.)

A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION.

The Pacific Co-operative Steam Coal Company, Limited, v. the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales.

Mr. R. E. O'Connor, K.C., with him Mr. Adrian Knox and Mr. Macarthur, instructed by Messrs. Minter, Simpson, and Co., appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. Pilcher, K.C., with him Mr. Reid, K.C., and Mr. C. B. Stephen, appeared for the defendants. Plaintiffs' declaration set out that the Pacific Co-operative Steam Coal Company, Limited, sued the Railway Commissioners as being the constructing authorities under the provisions of the Public Works Act of 1900 for that the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council in accordance with the Public Works Act, by a notification published in the "Government Gazette" of July 12, 1901, declared that certain lands were resumed for the purpose of carrying out certain grade improvements in the Great Northern Railway at Teralba. Plaintiffs claimed that the defendants were not entitled by this resumption to the minerals existing under the resumed lands, but that the plaintiffs were at the date of the proclamation or notification the lessees of the land, and as such were entitled to all the mines, beds, veins, and seams of coal, shale, and minerals of a similar character existing under the land that was resumed. Plaintiffs stated that in pursuance of the provisions of the Public Works Act they served upon the defendants a notice in writing that they proposed to work the mines and minerals lying under the land resumed and under the land adjoining the boundary of the resumed area within 40 yards of that boundary. Defendants thereupon, in pursuance of section 135 of the Act, notified the plaintiffs that they must not proceed with the mining operations they proposed except to such an approved extent as might be necessary to connect their present workings with fields beyond the resumed lands; therefore the plaintiffs were unable to work these mines, and they became entitled to compensation in respect of all damage done to them in consequence of the resumption. Defendants notified plaintiffs that they were willing to pay them £2000, which sum the plaintiffs refused to accept. The matter was referred to arbitration, and plaintiffs claimed £25,000. The arbitrators were the Hon. F. T. Humphery, M.L.C., and Mr. Isaac Chapman, and they awarded plaintiffs a sum of £18,450. Defendants were dissatisfied with this award and declined to pay it, and desired to have the amount of compensation settled by a jury and plaintiffs accordingly brought this action, claiming £60,000 damages.

The defendants' statement of defence was that the sum so awarded exceeded the amount of compensation to which the plaintiffs were entitled.

Mr. R. E. O'Connor, K.C., in opening the case to the jury, said the plaintiffs were the owners of a coalmine on the Great Northern Railway line at Teralba, and held the right to mine underneath the surface of the ground. The Railway Commissioners resumed some 88 acres in order to improve the railway grade, but the plaintiffs contended that the Commissioners were not entitled to interfere with the minerals underneath the surface. The Commissioners issued a warning to the plaintiffs not to work under the resumed area or within 40 yards on either side of it, and plaintiffs were thus prevented from working a strip of land 124 yards wide all around the headings of the colliery, and were consequently entitled to compensation for being deprived of the right to work this ground. When this notice was given by the Commissioners the manager of the mine was obliged to stop work at 17 headings and take 34 men from that employment. Expert evidence would be given as to the quality of the coal, and in regard to the quantity of coal produced it was claimed that plaintiffs were entitled to the profits they would have made by mining the coal and placing it upon the market.

The first witness called was Mr. John Archibald Neilson, the manager of the mine. His evidence in chief was taken, but his cross-examination by Mr. Pilcher had not been concluded when the Court adjourned for the day.

Briscoe and Co., Limited, v. Walker.

Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by Messrs. Perkins and Fosbery, appeared for the plaintiffs, Messrs. Briscoe and Co., Limited. There was no appearance of the nominal defendant, Mr. Critchett Walker (Principal Under-Secretary). Mr. Campbell stated that as the money claimed (£250) had been paid, the plaintiffs had nothing further to complain of, but he presumed that that fact would not prejudice plaintiffs' right to sign judgment if the costs were not paid.

The case, which was one in reference to the sale to the Government of 3500 casks of cement, was then struck out.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

A FELT HATTER'S DIFFICULTY.

UNIONISTS OPPOSE HIS EMPLOYMENT.

Slattery v. Keir and others.

Mr. Watt, instructed by Mr. W. H. Drew, appeared for the plaintiff, William Slattery; and Mr. Lingen, instructed by Mr. E. H. Gardner, for the defendants, Stephen Keir, George Shelmerdine, and Henry Eastwood.

Plaintiff's claim was that he was a felt hatter possessing special skill and training. Until certain events and wrongful acts happened recently he had for about 20 years earned his living and supported his wife and family by exercising his trade. Since September 16, 1902, he had worked at his trade as a steamer at the Sydney Hat Manufacturing Company's factory, Albion and Nichol streets, Surry Hills. He and defendants were members of a society called the New South Wales Society of Felt Hatters, which was a trades-union within the meaning of the Trades Union Act of 1881, but not registered. The society had its headquarters at Sydney, and all its members were employed at the factory, which was the only establishment of its kind in the State. By co-operation with similar unions throughout the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth, and other parts of the world the society controlled and regulated employment of journeymen felt hatters throughout its territories. Plaintiff was entitled under the rules of the society to work at the trade at the factory in conjunction with the defendants and other members of the society, and that he had not at any time by infraction of the rules or by any other conduct disentitled himself to be so employed. Excepting for the unlawful acts of the defendants the manager of the factory, Mr. John Anderson, was and always had been willing to continue to employ him for and on behalf of the company. The defendants unlawfully and maliciously, by threats and coercion, induced Mr. Anderson to break his contract with plaintiff. The manager ceased to employ him, and defendants were now preventing Mr. Anderson from re-engaging him to work at the factory. The defendants conspired together with others to induce Mr. Anderson to break his contract to employ him. Defendants, moreover, conspired together with others to molest plaintiff and prevent him making a living by working at his trade. Plaintiff, therefore, had been prevented from exercising his trade in New South Wales, and had sustained much loss and damage, and would continue to suffer loss and injury, and be unable to earn his livelihood unless defendants were restrained from acting in the manner complained of. He therefore claimed that the defendants, their agents, &c., be restrained from inducing or attempting to induce Mr. Anderson to continue the breach of his contract of employment with him, or wrongfully preventing Mr. Anderson or any other person from re-engaging or employing him at his trade at the factory or elsewhere. He also claimed that account might be taken of the loss and damage sustained by him, and that the damages might be paid by defendants, as well as the costs of the suit.

Defendants made a joint statement of defence. They set out that plaintiff had ceased to be a member of the union, and therefore not entitled to work at the factory. He broke the rules of the society by revealing to the employer trade secrets which should be confined to the knowledge of the members of the union, and by making false charges against his fellow-employees of incapacity, and by going to Melbourne to try to procure workmen to work at the factory at less than union wages. That he brought one man so to work, and was also abusive to his fellow-workmen and fellow-members of the union, and wanted to fight them, and refused to pay a fine inflicted by the union. They denied procuring or inducing Mr. Anderson to break his contract with plaintiff or to cease employing him at the factory, nor were they preventing Mr. Anderson from re-employing him. They denied conspiring to molest plaintiff, and submitted that plaintiff had not alleged any facts showing equity, and that they should not be called on to answer vague and general charges. They further stated that Mr. Anderson was dissatisfied with plaintiff, and discharged him of his own accord. The company had agreed to work the factory on union principles, and it was a term of the employment of plaintiff with Mr. Anderson that if he was in default with his union Mr. Anderson could dismiss him. He was so in default by non-payment of the fine, and he was dismissed. Finally they stated that the suit was not bona-fide, but had been brought at the instigation and in the interest of plaintiff's employers.

Evidence was entered upon.

John Anderson said he engaged plaintiff at a weekly salary of £3 5s, and he was liable to instant dismissal. In September last witness sent plaintiff to Melbourne on some business. After plaintiff returned defendants waited on him and said plaintiff was in dispute with the union and must be discharged. Witness said that was a high-handed proceeding, but defendants said it was one of two things, either plaintiff must be dismissed or the men would be called out. He was willing to take plaintiff back if the unionists were restrained by injunction.

To Mr. Lingen: There had been disputes between witness and the men ever since the factory was started. Once there was a strike. Witness's father was sole proprietor of the factory until a fortnight ago, when he took in a partner. Witness had never said in Melbourne that he was going to smash the union up. His factory was recognised as a society shop, where the approved rules of the union concerning the working conditions would be followed. The factory had nothing to do with the internal management of the union.

The Judge: Does he mean that if a member of the union does something against the union rules, and is dismissed the union, the employer can say, "I will still employ this man; his expulsion has nothing to do with me?" If that is so, what is the good of a union?

Witness: He had never been informed that Slattery was not a member of the union. If he knew a man was not a unionist he would not employ him at union work. There were some branches of the trade which were not claimed for the union.

The Judge: Are not the parties fighting about nothing? If the position is that the union can turn the plaintiff out—of course the contention is that they had improperly turned him out—why should not the matter be reconsidered by the union and the plaintiff be heard? Then if the union turned him out I suppose Mr. Anderson would not employ him. If the union comes to the conclusion that there is not a case for turning him out there is an end of it.

Mr. Watt: I can see no machinery in the rules for turning him out. They can suspend him from the benefits of the union.

The Judge: A way out of that difficulty has been found. It is to dissolve the union and reform it without the obnoxious member. It seems that Mr. Anderson is the victim of a dispute with which he had nothing to do. There is a doubt now whether plaintiff has been turned out of the union.

After counsel had consulted, the Court was informed that a postponement could not be asked.

Witness said if the union informed him that a workman was in default to his union, witness would not discharge the man, but if they informed him that a workman was no longer a member of the union, he would discharge him.

Further evidence was given that at a meeting of the union on December 5 it was resolved to give plaintiff the option of paying a fine of £1, or sending in an apology. He declined to do either, and persisted in working. Witness and Keir saw Mr. Anderson.

The case stands part heard.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. A. Henry.)

ADJOURNMENTS

Re William Wright. The certificate application was adjourned to March 25.

Re R. J. Barlow. The private examination was adjourned to April 1.

Re Fanny Warren. The private examination was adjourned to March 20.

SEQUESTRATION.

Arthur William Catt, of Carlingford, labourer. Mr. Palmer, official assignee.

DIVORCE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson, Judge in Divorce.)

FAIRBAIRN v. FAIRBAIRN.

Mr. Windeyer, instructed by Mr. Gardiner, appeared for the petitioner, Mary Jemima Fairbairn; Mr. A. Thompson, instructed by Mr. Dickson, appeared for the respondent, Frederick Thomas Fairbairn. Petitioner sought a dissolution of her marriage with the respondent, and charged him with misbehaviour with a woman whose name was mentioned in the petition.

The respondent counter-charged misbehaviour on the part of his wife and petitioned for a divorce from her. The parties were married by the registrar at Petersham, on May 28, 1884. The petitioner stated that she had never had a very happy married life. Some time after the marriage the respondent left her and went into lodgings at Croydon, and the petitioner went to work. The alleged misconduct occurred while the respondent was in these lodgings.

The respondent, Frederick Thomas Fairbairn, said he was a breadcarter, in the employment of his mother. He lived happily with his wife until about five years ago, and in 1899 he charged her with impropriety. He denied that he had been guilty of misconduct with the woman named in the petition.

The evidence for the petitioner and respondent was concluded, and the evidence for petitioner in reply was commenced but not finished when the Court adjourned for the day.

ARBITRATION COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen (president) and Messrs. W. D. Cruickshank and S. Smith (members).

DISPUTE IN THE TAILORING TRADE.

In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Amalgamated Journeymen Tailors' Association of New South Wales, industrial union of employees, claimant, and the Master Tailors' Association, industrial union of employers, respondent.

Mr. G. S. Beeby, of Messrs. Brown and Beeby, appeared for the claimant association, and Mr. Alfred Nathan, of Messrs. Westgarth, Nathan, and Co., for the respondent association.

The statement of claim has already been published.

John Joseph Hogan, journeyman tailor, said that at the establishment where he was employed he was required to put the same class of work into £3 3s suits as £5 5s suits. To make four coats in a week was considered fairly hard work. He had received 13s for each coat. To earn a decent wage men would have to be constantly employed, but where he worked the bulk of employees had broken time. Last year he lost six or eight weeks, and during the remainder of the time his weekly average was about four coats. At his establishment there were 50 girls employed and the highest wage paid to them was 35s. A girl who received that money had an assistant and the two would turn out between six and seven coats a week. He considered outdoor work a great evil. It led to extreme hours and the employment of boys at cheap rates. By working for 16 hours a day and sometimes on Sundays he had at outdoor work earned £7 a week. Sweating of girls also resulted. Employers made no stipulation as to the conditions under which the work was carried on. After the fourth year a boy who had been properly taught was worth 25s weekly.

By Mr. Nathan: He preferred a weekly wage to piece work. A man who sweated was one who took work from a shop, engaged little girls and boys from school, paid them 2s 6d weekly until they became competent, and then dismissed them and engaged a fresh lot. The "team" system in any form was sweating.

By Mr. Beeby: A minimum wage of £2 15s weekly did not indicate earning that sum all the year round, because slack time occurred.

William Hady, journeyman tailor, said that in a "second-class" shop where he had worked recently the team system had been in operation. He had worked from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays an hour longer, and had averaged 30s a week. Girls who were employed under him were paid 2s 6d, 4s, and 5s a week respectively. One employer, for whom he had been making eight coats a week, insisted on nine, and afterwards 10, being made. To make eight coats he had three girls working with him, and had to drive them pretty hard. He thought that no apprentices, either girls or boys, got a fair chance to learn the trade. If pieceworkers were authorised to teach apprentices there would be no difficulty about it.

By Mr. Nathan: At one city establishment when a girl demanded more than 15s a week she was dismissed. Some women were as competent as the men, and if they were paid on the same basis he would not object to "team" work. Both boys and girls should be indentured.

By the President: To grant £2 a week to women and £2 15s to men would not, in his opinion, displace the latter from the trade.

William Joseph Sullivan, journeyman tailor, said that he had done a great deal of outdoor work for city firms. Working 20 hours a day he had only averaged 15s a week. His partner had fainted at the work, and none of their employees had earned a living wage. Firms had expected him to make coats for 6s 6d and suits for 11s 6d.

Frederick William Cummings, journeyman tailor, said that he worked in a "first-class" shop. He was paid 15s and 16s for making sac coats, 20s and 21s for walking coats, and 27s 6d for dress frock coats. Lately he had averaged £2 to £2 15s a week, although at other times he frequently earned less than £2. Work had often been given out by his employer when he and other customary hands were idle.

John Crombie and others also gave evidence.

The case stands part heard.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

(Before the President, Mr. Alexander Oliver, and Commissioners Brandis and Houston.)

Mr. Hanbury Davies appeared for the Minister for Lands.

The following cases were dealt with yesterday and the previous day:—

John O'Brien appealed against the appraised capital and rental values of the land in his C.L., No. 6897, Hay. Mr. Lakeman appeared for appellant. The lease comprised 1920 acres, originally valued at £1 per acre, but subsequently reduced to 11s 8d per acre, while the rental was reduced from 3d to 1½d per acre. Appellant claimed that the rates existing were excessive. Decision was reserved.

Robert Gibson's appeal against the decision of the Hay board in respect of his application for appraisement of the capital value of the land in his C.Ps. and C.Ls. was, on the application of Mr. J. Ashton, who appeared for appellant, postponed to next Court.

The Minister submitted a reference for determination of the capital value of the land comprised in Henry Woodhouse's C.P., No. 90-47, Molong. The land totalled 320 acres originally valued at £1 per acre, but later on reduced to 11s 8d per acre, a figure which the Minister regarded as too low. Decision was reserved.

The Minister submitted a reference for determination of the capital value of the land in G. J. Woodhouse's C.P., No. 99-24, and C.L., No. 29171, Molong. The C.P. totalled 209 acres and the C.L. 625¼ acres, and the capital value of the former was fixed at 10s and of the latter at 8s 4d per acre, figures which the Crown considered to be too low. Decision was reserved.

The Minister submitted a reference for determination of the capital value of Allan H. Hunt's C.P., No. 97-35, and C.L., No. 28202, Molong. Mr. Meagher appeared for respondent. The C.P. totalled 320 acres and the C.L. 944 acres, originally priced at £1, but afterwards reduced to 11s 8d per acre, figures which the Minister considered too low. Decision was reserved.

Eliza Jane Lister appealed again the appraised rental value of her C.L. No. 14728, Hay. Mr. E. D. Millen appeared for appellant. The original rent of this 1920 acre lease was 3d per acre, subsequently reappraised at 1½d per acre. The Court had reduced an adjoining area in which the evidence was similar to 1½d per acre, and it was contended that the two areas should be appraised alike. The appeal was sustained, and the rental fixed at 1½d per acre.

The Minister submitted a reference for determination of the capital value of Richard Hunt's C.L. No. 21,444, Molong. Mr. Meagher appeared for respondent. It appeared that Hunt, who was the owner of certain C.P.'s and C.L.'s, lodged an application for their appraisement, and the board valued them at prices ranging from 16s 8d to 13s 4d per acre, while the C.L. under notice was reduced to 11s 8d per acre. The original price of the blocks was £1 per acre. The Minister considered 11s 8d too low a value. Decision was reserved.

Henry Fane De Salis appealed against the finding of the Queanbeyan board in respect of his Improvement Lease No. 1, Queanbeyan. Mr. Metcalf appeared for respondent. The board had found after inquiry under section 20 of the 1884 Act that the conditions had not been complied with and recommended forfeiture. The case was by consent ordered to be returned to the board for rehearing on payment by the appellant to the Crown of £3 3s costs, this sum to be deducted from the deposit on appeal, while the balance of the deposit was ordered to be refunded.

W. D. Smith appealed against the disallowance of his A.C.P. application, No. 1901-46, Coonamble. Mr. T. Rose appeared for appellant. Decision was reserved.

The Minister submitted a reference for the determination of the capital value of George Hardacre's C.P., No. 89-29, Grafton. It appeared, according to counsel for the Minister, that the land was rich property near Grafton, on Bucca Creek, and that it was held by respondent, who gave evidence before the Grafton board to the effect that the soil was so poor that he could not grow maize upon it. The district surveyor, however, gave distinctly opposite evidence, stating that maize of good quality could be grown on the land to at least 30 bushels per acre. After appellant had given his evidence regarding the land the Bucca Progress Association censured appellant for having given such evidence, as it was, in their opinion, incorrect and prejudicial to the district. Mr. Davies asked, on behalf of the Minister, that the case might be returned to the board for rehearing. The President said that in view of the falsity of the evidence given by respondent, the Court was justified in making the order asked for. The case was according ordered to be sent back to the board for re-hearing, evidence already taken to be evidence in the case.

The Minister submitted a reference for the determination of the capital value of William S. B. Apsey's C.P. No. 85-53. Mr. Davies pointed out, on behalf of the Minister, that Hardacre, respondent in the previous case, had given evidence in Apsey's case, and that the board had been influenced to some extent by erroneous statements. The case was ordered to be sent back to the board for re-hearing, evidence already taken to be evidence in the case.

J. J. Sides and H. C. Sides appealed against appraised capital value of their respective C.P.'s Nos. 95-4, and the rent of their 95-5 and C.L.'s Nos. 27108 and 27,109, Hay. Mr. Millen appeared for appellants. The original price of J. J. Sides's C.P. and C.L. was £1 per acre, but the land had been since appraised at 10s per acre. The original rent of the C.L. was 2d per acre, but it was now determined by the board at 1½d per acre. In H. C. Sides's appeal the original price of the C.P. and C.L. was £1 per acre, since appraised at 8s 4d for the C.P. and 6s 8d for the C.L. The original rent of the C.L. was 2½d per acre, now determined at 1d per acre. Decision was reserved in each case.

The Minister submitted a reference for determination of the capital value of Thomas M'Kee's C.P.'s 76-150, 73-35, 99-18, and 79-29 Grafton. The area totalled 544 acres, the original price was £1 per acre, and the land was now appraised at from £1 8s 4d to 13s 4d per acre. Mr. Weigall appeared for respondent and reviewed the evidence, urging that the reappraisement was excessive. Decision was reserved.

Timothy Kelleher appealed against the decision of the local board in respect of his application for appraisement of the capital value of his C.P.'s, Nos. 82-121, 83-248, and 83-259. Mr. Davenport appeared for appellant. The area of the C.P.'s totalled 400 acres. The board had disallowed the application because Kelleher was not the original conditional purchaser, and never resided on the lands. Appellant admitted residing 19 miles away and using the land for grazing cattle, but contended that the land was not sufficient to maintain a home thereon, and that the distance of the land from any school would prevent him from educating his children. The appeal was dismissed, but the deposit ordered to be refunded.

The Minister submitted a reference for determination of the capital value of George J. Howard's C.P.'s, Nos. 83-640 and 90-32, and C.L., 4929, Barmedman. Mr. Pike appeared for respondent. By consent the case was ordered to stand over to the next Court.

The Minister's reference for determination of the capital value of Dorothy Howard's C.P., 83-641, and C.L., 4934, was by consent (Mr. Pike for respondent) ordered to stand over to the next Court.

John M'Master, jun., appealed against the disallowance of his C.L. application, No. 02-29, Warialda. Mr. Pike appeared for appellant. The board had disallowed the application on the ground that the land held by applicant, 1423¼ acres, was sufficient to provide for his maintenance. The appeal was based on the ground that the board should have allowed the full area applied for, and that their decision was against evidence and the weight of evidence.

Decision was reserved.

The Minister submitted a reference for the return to the Wellington Board for rehearing and disallowance of Bernard Veech's application for appraisement of the capital value of the land comprised in his C.Ps. 82-11, 89-43, 90-66, and 91-32, Wellington. Mr. Rose appeared for the respondent. The Minister urged that the board should have disallowed the application as applicant had not been in residence from the commencement of the C.P. Amendment Act of 1899 to the date of his application and because the land on which he had been residing, together with the C.Ps. and other intervening lands did not form a holding within the meaning of section 1 of the Act. Decision was reserved.

The appeal of Thomas M'Caig against the appraised capital value of his C.Ps. 83-143, 88-10, and 88-71, and C.L. 4589, Wagga Wagga, and that of Thomas William M'Caig against the decision of the Wagga Wagga board that he should not be excused the condition of residence in respect of his application for appraisement of the capital value of his C.P. 83-141 and C.L. 9287, and against the appraised capital value of his C.Ps. 83-142, 89-24, 83-141, and C.Ls. 9290 and 9287, Wagga Wagga, were on the application of Mr. Pike for respondents, and by consent of the Crown, postponed to the next sitting of the Court.

The Minister submitted a reference for the return to the Nyngan board for rehearing of the case of Robert H. Wilson's improvement lease 855, Nyngan. The case was ordered to be returned to the board, evidence already taken to be evidence in the case.

The Court adjourned sine die.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Thursday, March 19.

Banco Court, St. James'-road.—Hannah v. Dalgarno (part heard), Cook v. Cordner and another, Campbell v. Lars, Brown, Joske, and Co., Limited, v. Tozer.

Notice.—The jurors summoned to attend the Banco Court this morning need not attend until 11 a.m. (except those engaged in the above part-heard case). The jurors engaged in the above part-heard case are requested to attend at 10 a.m.

No. 1 Jury Court, King-street.—Commonwealth Portland Cement Company, Limited, v. Weber, Lohmann, and Co., Limited (part heard); Mellor v. Parker; Dawson v. Railway Commissioners.

No. 2 Jury Court, King-street.—Pacific Co-operative Steam Coal Company v. Railway Commissioners (part heard).

In Vice-Admiralty.—Before the Registrar.—Brown and another v. the ship Tamar, 2.15.

In Divorce.—Before the Judge in Divorce, in No. 2 Jury Court.—At 10: Fairbairn v. Fairbairn (part heard); and hearing of causes.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Hamilton v. Iredale, for judgment; Chalmers v. Great Cobar Copper-mining Company, summons to file interrogatories; Slattery v. Keirs and others (part heard).

Master's Office.—At 10 a.m.: Company and lunacy matters. At 11 a.m.: Federal Ice and Chilling Company, for directions. At 12 noon: Minister for Works and Herlihy, to settle draft declaration of trust. At 12.30 p.m.: Shepherd v. Coxon, to fix reserves. At 2 p.m.: Miles v. Brush, for directions; M'Mahon v. Cooper, to settle minutes of decree. At 2.30 p.m.: Minister for Works and J. N. Gannon, to approve of investment. Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Keogh v. the Australian Workers' Union, to tax costs (all day appointment).

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Deputy Registrar.—To pass accounts: Charles Turner, 10.30; John F. West, 10.45; John Luck, 11; Joseph Breasley, 11.15; Bridget Miles, 11.30; Elizabeth Duffy, 11.45.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m.: Certificate applications, Ernst Bjalmar Fromen, Albert Anthony Ferran. Single meetings, Joseph Corbett, Edward Tremayne Dunstan, John Dixon, Robert Brown Craw, James Matthew, J. P. Lawson, David Morgans, re estate of William Bartlett, deceased, public examination. Before the Chief Clerk in Bankruptcy, at 10.30 a.m.: Re J. A. D. Sellin, taxation of petitioning creditors' costs.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

No. 4 Court, Supreme Courthouse, King-street, Sydney, Thursday, March 19.—Before the President and Members, at 10 a.m.—For hearing: In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Amalgamated Journeymen Tailors' Association of New South Wales, industrial union of employees, claimant, and the Master Tailors' Association, industrial union of employers, respondent (part heard).

INQUESTS.

AN OLD MAN'S DEATH.

AN OPEN VERDICT.

The adjourned inquest into the circumstances connected with the death of an old-age pensioner named James Hayden, which took place on the 3rd instant, was resumed before the City Coroner (Mr. J. C. Woore) yesterday. After several witnesses had given evidence Alfred Barrett, who was present in custody, went into the box. He stated he rode home with deceased on the 3rd instant, and they had several drinks on the way. On arriving at deceased's residence Barrett stated he took the horse out of the cart, in which Hayden remained seated. Barrett said his right hand was injured, and he tried to unhook the chain trace with his other hand, but failed. Deceased then got nasty and used some language, whereupon Barrett stated that he left and went home. None of the harness was unhooked. He heard nothing further of deceased till told he had been taken to the hospital. When he left the yard deceased was standing on the ground beside the horse.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased died from the effects of fracture of the spine and injury to the spinal cord, but how the injuries were caused the evidence did not enable them to say.

Alfred Barrett, 34, butcher, was subsequently taken before Mr. J. L. King, D.S.M., at the Central Police Court, to answer a charge of causing the death of James Hayden, at North Botany an or about the 3rd instant. Following the verdict of the Coroner's Court, the police asked that the accused should be discharged. The Bench thereupon dismissed the case.

A FACTORY FATALITY.

The City Coroner (Mr. J. C. Woore) held an inquest yesterday relative to the death of Thomas Leech, 35, who was killed at Andrews' bedding factory on Tuesday.

Minnie Bennett, deceased's sister, stated that her brother was a married man, and lived with his wife, who was ill, and three children at 2 Norton-street, Surry Hills.

John Lonergan, a fireman employed at Andrews' bedding factory, said he had charge of the engine which drove the teasing machine at which deceased worked. There was a room on the ground floor expressly for the machine. Deceased worked at a table about 3ft. long and 1ft. wide which projected from it. It was his duty to stand at the end of this and feed the hair over a roller with spikes, after which it was carried round a large drum and into a compartment with an exhaust fan. The top of the machine was well protected with a cover. Knotty pieces of hair were blown out by the fan, and they had to be pulled to pieces by hand and then passed through again at the feeding table. Witness stated he had seen deceased pull the pieces out, lift off the cover of the fan, and put them in. He thought this was very dangerous, and warned deceased about it. He saw him doing this on Tuesday, and again spoke to him of it. About two minutes afterwards he heard deceased call out "Oh," and saw him caught in the machine by his left arm. The cover was off the machine, and he could not have been caught if it had been on. Assistance was procured, and deceased was extricated, but he was dead. The machine was a new one, and there was no danger about it if it was worked properly. Witness had heard the manager warn deceased not to feed the machine at the fan.

Dr. Aubrey Palmer, who made a post-mortem examination of the body, deposed there was an extensive laceration of the whole of the left forearm, the bones being pulled out of their sockets and fractured. There was a deep laceration of the left shoulder, the breastbone and ribs on both sides of it were extensively fractured, while each of the collar-bones was dislocated. The cause of death was the injuries described.

Walter Falconer, factory manager, deposed that he had warned deceased as to the danger of working the machine with the cover off.

Walter Ivon Taylor, an inspector under the Factories and Shops Act, deposed that the machine was an up-to-date one and in perfect order.

A verdict of accidental death was returned.

AN EMPTY TREASURY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have to thank you for giving insertion to my last on the "Road Vote." As I then said, Mr. O'Sullivan said he had no money, yet in to-day's paper he says, in reply to a deputation of unemployed yesterday, "he intends to put on 100 more men upon the butty gang system, and 200 in cutting firewood for sale in Sydney. A number of new road works are also in contemplation."

Mr. O'Sullivan, at the interview with me on Friday last, said he could not accept four tenders, now in his pigeon-hole, from Yass, although he has the authority to expend about £2000 by Parliament on the roads of Yass district, because he had no money. I ask, where is he to get the money to pay the extra 100 men at the Cataract dam, and the other new road works in contemplation?

Has his statement to me—I never vote for the Government, nor never will—anything to do with the treatment the Yass district is receiving at the hands of Mr. O'Sullivan? If so, he can rest assured he is not helping to secure my vote. Just as an example, I extract from your issues for this month, only as a sample of every month:—"Accepted tenders, Eden to Towamba, £325; Tamworth to Barraba, £370; Rifle Range-road, Randwick, £80." Of course neither the member for Eden or Tamworth sits on the opposition benches. And the Yass tenders have been in the Minister's office since the beginning of January! As he has not the money to pay for the works at Yass if he accepts the tender, where is he to get it to pay for those named above?

I am, &c., WILLIAM AFFLECK.
Parliament House, March 18.

THE DRINK—PAR EXCELLENCE. Fry's Cocoa. Be sure you get Fry's.—Advt.

The Sydney Cricket Ground lighted for the Cycling Carnival is one of the most interesting pictures in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

POLICE COURTS.

CHARGES OF SMUGGLING.

In the Summons Division of the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., Karl Axelsson, Jacob Jacobson, H. Meskie, and John M'Pherson, seamen of the steamer Sellasia, were charged with having in company smuggled a quantity of tobacco and fancy goods, valued in all at about £12, being portion of the vessel's cargo. It was stated that accused were members of the crew of the Sellasia, and admitted having removed the goods, which were subsequently found in their beds, from the ship's hold. Each accused was fined £5, with 5s 6d costs, in default imprisonment for one month.

CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. L. S. Donaldson, S.M., Frank Mahoney, 43, agent, was committed for trial to the Quarter Sessions on a charge of having embezzled the sum of 6s, the property of the Citizens' Life Assurance Society, with intent to defraud. Bail was allowed.

DISOBEYING COMMANDS.

Before Mr. L. S. Donaldson, S.M., at the Water Police Court yesterday, E. Erickson, Isaac Andstrom, J. Wiklands, L. Schiller, J. Leonard, and M. Heibron were charged that they, being seamen of the vessel Kurdistan, registered in New South Wales, refused without reasonable cause to proceed to sea in it. The accused were each ordered to forfeit two days' pay, in addition to undergoing a sentence of three days' imprisonment.

SEIZURE OF CIGARS.

In the Summons Division of the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., G. Commetti was charged with unlawfully having 1800 cigars in his possession. The cigars were seized on defendant's premises, a wine saloon, in Market-street, on the 7th instant, when he failed to give a satisfactory explanation as to how they came to be in his possession. A fine of £15 and costs, in default imprisonment for one month, was imposed.

A PROHIBITED IMMIGRANT.

A Malay seaman named Josop was proceeded against before Mr. L. S. Donaldson, S.M., at the Water Police Court yesterday, for being a prohibited immigrant found within the Commonwealth in contravention of the Alien Immigration Restriction Act. Accused was convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS.

At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Smithers, S.M., two lads, aged respectively 15 and 11 years, were charged with having stolen £4 from a till in the shop of Peter Low, news agent, of Forest-road, Hurstville, at about 4 o'clock on the morning of March 16. Another lad, 16 years of age, was charged with having received 2s 9d of the stolen money at a time when he well knew it to have been stolen. The money was taken during the temporary absence of the proprietor of the shop, who was only away about 5 minutes. Two of the lads were formerly in the employ of Mr. Low. Mr. Smithers said it was hard to know what punishment to inflict in such cases. He did not care about sending boys to gaol. The mothers of the two elder lads said they would be willing to pay a fine. One of these lads was given an excellent character. They were each fined £2, in default imprisonment for 14 days. In the case of the younger lad the father said he had no control over him, and asked that he be sent on board the training ship Sobraon. The magistrate said he would do nothing of the kind. The State was not in existence to relieve parents of their responsibilities in regard to the training of their children and supporting them also. It was very easy for a father to come into court and say he had no control over a boy 11 years of age for the purpose of getting rid of his parental responsibilities. There was too much of that sort of thing carried on, and very often it was due to the neglect of parents that lads became incorrigible. In this case he would take into consideration the age of the boy and inflict a fine of £1, in default imprisonment in the police cells for three days.

CHARGE OF HOUSEBREAKING.

At the Newtown Police Court yesterday before Mr. Smithers, S.M., Thomas Rose, age 51, by occupation a tinker, was charged with having broken into and entered the dwelling-house of Frederick W. Fox, of Petersham, during the absence of the inmates, and stolen an electroplate teapot, and a silver mug, of the value of £2, and afterwards sold the same to a second-hand dealer in Sydney for 8s 6d. The accused was committed for trial at the next Court of Quarter Sessions at Darlinghurst, and was allowed bail.

UNLAWFULLY ENTERING PREMISES.

A carpenter named Henry Rose, age 40, was charged at the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Smithers, S.M., with having been found for an unlawful purpose in the enclosed yard of William James Wilshire, Prospect-road, Ashfield. A further charge was entered against the accused of having stolen three door keys, valued at 3s, the property of Norman Wilshire at Ashfield on the same occasion. The keys were taken from the doors of an unoccupied cottage. In each case the accused was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for three months. The terms of imprisonment were made cumulative.

WATER LICENSING COURT.

At yesterday's sitting of the Water Licensing Court before Messrs. C. N. Payten, S.M. (chairman), L. S. Donaldson, S.M., and A. Barnett, P.M., the following transfers of publicans' licenses were granted:—Charles Johnson to Thomas Howes Turner, Occidental Hotel, York and Erskine streets, Sydney; Isaac Bernard Ferris to Joseph Hewitt, Federal Hotel, Miller and Mount streets, North Sydney.

PUGILISTS BEFORE THE COURT.

Robert Turner, 19, athlete, and Edward Jessop, 22, athlete, both on remand, appeared before Mr. J. L. King, D.S.M., yesterday, at the Central Police Court on a charge of being about to engage in a prize fight to the evil of all others, and against the peace of our Lord the King, his Crown, and dignity.

Mr. Cargill, who appeared for the prosecution, said that the boxing contest between the accused had been carried out, and in the opinion of Sub-Inspector Roach, who witnessed it, it was a fair boxing contest. The gloves were larger than those ordinarily used, being 6oz. gloves, and the padding was in the proper place. They were examined by the sub-inspector both before and after the fight. He withdrew the information against the two men. The accused were then discharged.

AN IMPUDENT THEFT.

Andrew Maloney, 61, carter, was charged at the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. L. King, D.S.M., with stealing a leather handbag and six pieces of electroplate, value £3 10s, the property of Mary Tidswell, on the 13th instant. The evidence showed that the accused walked into the Royal Hotel from George-street, and picking up the handbag was in the act of carrying it off when he was arrested. The magistrate sentenced him to six months' imprisonment.

The accused was further charged with having in his possession a purse and several other articles, which there was reason to suspect had been stolen. He was sentenced on this charge to three months' imprisonment, the two sentences to be cumulative.

THE RIVAL CABLE ROUTES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Why the public do not use the Pacific cable as much as the Eastern Extension Company's one is a question which is easily answered. As one who has occasional cable business with England and elsewhere, I would prefer as a patriotic Australian to use the Pacific line, but experience has shown me that the private line is better and cheaper.

As to cheapness, the Government make a number of small charges, which, in the course of the year, mount up, viz., 1s for a book of forms, 6d for a receipt for the telegram, and 10s 6d a year to register your code address. The only way to send a message "via Pacific" is through the Post Office, and the Government insist on these charges; whereas, if I take a message to the Eastern Company's office a book of forms and receipt are given free, and no charge is made to register a code address. Naturally, therefore, one prefers to save this expense when possible. As to quickness, if I take a message to the Eastern Company's office I know it will be forwarded by their direct line to Adelaide, and is not likely to be blocked by either departmental or private State and inter-state messages, as may possibly happen if a cable message be sent "via Pacific" on to Brisbane.

If the Government will abolish all these small charges, and give a special line to Brisbane for cable business only, no doubt the Pacific cable will be able to compete with its rivals. Until then I, as well as no doubt many others, will prefer the Cape route.

It is almost needless for me to add that I have no interest in either route other than as an occasional customer.

I am, &c.,
CABLE MESSAGE.

THE FRENCH AND THE NEW HEBRIDEANS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Under the heading of the "Black Labour Question" you publish the result of an interview one of your reporters had yesterday with Captain E. G. Rason, British Commissioner in the New Hebrides. My object in writing to you is to take objection to the following paragraph that I extract from the abovementioned interview, Captain Rason says:—

"I found that many of these Kanakas were much afraid of the action of the French, having regard to their previous experiences, but I pointed out that there was now a French official posted there who would look after the French resident, and to whom they could appeal at any time."

This utterance would leave an impression on the public mind that we are in the habit of ill-treating our natives. It is against this that I wish to protest, in the name of my compatriots, and more especially of those residing in the New Hebrides and New Caledonia.

Trusting that your impartiality will give a foreigner British fair play in inserting these lines.

I am, &c.,
A FRENCHMAN.
March 17.

Mr. J. T. WISECARVER, Fairfield, Iowa, Jan. 12, 1899, writes: "I had HEMORRHAGE OF THE LUNGS, went to California for my health. It did me no good. I afterwards tried Jayne's Expectorant, and IT CURED ME."—Advt.

The "Sydney Mail" of this week contains some large pictures of Townsville, which was recently devastated by a cyclone.—Advt.

WORKERS OF INIQUITY.

BY ARNOLD BENNETT.

PART II.

THE SHADOW OF DEATH.

CHAPTER XIV.

THE RAIN OF SOVEREIGNS.

To return to the precincts of Radway Grange, and the previous night.

Arthur Forrest accompanied Mr. Sims as far as the lodge. It was the dead of night, and Sims would have nowhere to go. Nevertheless Forrest felt that he would have not even a comparative peace of mind till the man had removed his sinister presence from the house. His strong instinct was to get Sims away instantly, and he obeyed that instinct. The scoundrelism, the impassive coldness, and, above all, the absolute shamelessness of the fellow amazed Forrest, unnerved him, weakened his resolves. Such a character as that of Sims was incredible to such a character as that of Arthur Forrest. The latter was afraid, not of the actual personal danger to himself—he scarcely gave that a thought—but of the moral turpitude which was capable of the villainy which Sims had calmly confessed. When he reflected upon that trio—the beautiful Mrs. Cavalossi, Colpus, the sagacious Colpus, and the unspeakable servant—silently, implacably, leisurely, at work upon a plot so base and so inhuman, he shuddered. The horror of it seized him, and in its clutches he shook convulsively.

As he returned to the house, and re-entered it with furtive steps, by the conservatory door, the thought uppermost in his mind was: What is the next move to be? Certainly he had, metaphorically speaking, taken Sims by the throat and drawn his fangs. Beyond doubt Sims was frightened. Sims was impressed; and Forrest felt convinced that from this particular scoundrel nothing more was to be feared. Sims would decamp, and probably renew his activities in another clime. On the whole, Forrest was glad that he had let him depart. There was solid information gained, and there was also an incubus lifted from his nerves. But what should he do next? The Colpuses remained—clever, inscrutable, determined. How was he to deal with them? He had, he was obliged to admit, no shadow of proof against them. To go to them with a definite accusation would be absurd. They would laugh at him; they would pretend to be insulted; they would ask him to produce Sims, who had made these startling assertions. Should he go to the police? Probably the police also would offer him only an incredulous smile. In any case they would ask to be informed why he had permitted Sims to escape. No, he could not, at the present stage of affairs, go to the police. The only alternative which he could devise was to consult a firm of private detectives, and by their aid make a thorough investigation of the career of Dr. Colpus and Mrs. Cavalossi. But here a sinister doubt, a doubt for which he loathed himself, entered his mind. Any such investigation would comprise Sylviane within its scope. Could he bring himself to lift the veil of the past?

Upon one point he did come to a definite and unalterable conclusion. Arthur Peterson should hear nothing of the affair. He knew Peterson, and he knew that if the slightest breath of the truth reached him not only would the young man insist upon abandoning his father's fortune, but his whole life would be embittered, and even ruined. It was a possibility which Arthur Forrest refused to contemplate. Peterson believed himself to be an eldest son; he believed himself to be legitimate; he believed himself to be the rightful owner of a vast estate. As a matter of fact, he was none of these things. But Arthur Forrest swore privately, not without bitterness, that his half-brother should never know the truth if he could help it.

He reached the dressing-room again, and quietly opened the door of the bedroom and looked in. Sylviane, wearied by too much emotion, was sleeping. He gazed at her, then closed the door and sat down. Suddenly a notion came to him that he would wake up Arthur Peterson on some excuse, and have a chat with him. He felt that he must talk to some one, and perhaps an opportunity might occur to pave the way for a plausible explanation of Sims' absence on the morrow. He fought against the impulse for a few moments—it seemed rather bizarre to wake up one's host in the middle of the night—but in the end he yielded to it, and stepped out into the corridor. Peterson's room, he knew, was at the other side of the house, at the end of the long corridor which cut through the heart of the mansion like a tunnel.

He stopped outside of the door of his own room to listen. Not a sound; nothing but the pale radiance of the westering moon. Before, when he had descended to escort Sims, he had experienced no alarm, none of those strange sensations of the night which attack the nocturnal wanderer in a slumbering house. Yet now his flesh crept. A faint inexplicable fear fell upon him like a clinging mist. He would have gone back and double-locked his door against this unnamed fear, but he was either too proud or too obstinate, and so he went forward to Peterson's room. The floor of the corridor creaked and complained under the tread of his slippered feet. The air was peopled with slight noises, which arose and subsided in the causeless manner of a dream. At length he stood before Peterson's door. The staircase leading to the second story was nearly opposite to it, and to the right was a lofty window. His heart was beating, and he smiled as if in scorn of himself.

He tapped discreetly at the door. "Peterson, old man."

There was no answer.

"Peterson, wake up, old chap, I want to come in."

There was no answer, but his voice sounded with amazing strangeness in the corridor, and it seemed to him to go singing up the stairs towards the roof of the house. Evidently Peterson slept soundly, as a young man should, even though he be a millionaire. Arthur tried the knob; it turned, and he said to himself, "I'll go in. I've got to talk to some one." And thereupon he went in. It was a large bedroom. At the end opposite to the door, in front of the window, stood a dressing-table, and on this was a night light, which cast a flickering yellow gloom across the chamber. The great bed, an old-fashioned erection with four immense posts, stood behind the door. Forrest approached the bed. He could see that it was empty, and that it had not been slept in.

He struck a match, lighted a candle, and examined the room. The wardrobe contained clothes in orderly array. On the table was a dirty collar and a necktie. On a chair in stretchers lay a pair of trousers, and over the back of the chair a white shirt. A waistcoat lay folded on another chair close by, and on the floor by the bed was a pair of clocked socks. Peterson had evidently prepared for bed, and then—

Forrest raised the candle on high, and glanced round the room, bewildered. What had happened? A faint sound stole out from a corner. At first it frightened him, with its quick regular impact on his ear, and then he grasped the obvious fact that it was a watch ticking. That watch seemed to be charged with some sinister message to him. Was it possible that Sims, in the short interval at his disposal before he came to Forrest's dressing-room, had—? He felt something warm on his hand, and looked at the hand apprehensively. It was nothing but grease from the candle, which he had been holding crooked. Yet the touch of that fallen wax thrilled through him like the touch of blood. He heard a noise in the corridor, and hurriedly went out of the room. A woman's figure dressed in a loose dark robe was descending the stairs, awkwardly, a step at a time. On seeing him with the candle in the doorway the figure started back and threw up its arms.

"Who is there?" he whispered. His heart beat heavily, but he could not help that.

"It's me, sir," answered a venerable voice, "Mrs. Hewitt, the housekeeper. I thought I heard someone about, and so I came down to see. Anything the matter, Mr. Forrest? Is Mrs. Forrest ill?"

"Mrs. Hewitt," he said, "where is your master?"

"My master, sir?" she stammered. "Isn't he in his room?"

"No," said Forrest.

She hesitated a moment.

"Then you have found it out, too?" she whispered.

"I have found out that he is not in his room," answered Forrest, "and I want to know where he is. I am not going to bed till I have seen him."

The old woman leaned down towards Forrest, and, dropping her voice till he could scarcely hear it, said, with beckoning finger:—

"Come upstairs."

Silently he followed her to the second story. She guided him to a bedroom, which he took to be her own.

"Excuse me, sir," she said. "I was obliged to bring you here. I want you to look out of the window, sir. Look along to the left, sir, at the third window from this one."

The window was open, and Forrest obeyed. He saw, in the moonlight, projecting from the window which Mrs. Hewitt had indicated, what seemed to be a piece of spouting, or gutter pipe, about 6ft. in length. This spouting moved slightly, as though some one within the room held it in his hands.

"Come back," said the warning voice of Mrs. Hewitt. "Don't let him see you," and Arthur withdrew his head.

"What is it?" he said.

"Listen," she answered.

With suspended breath he strained his ear for a sound.

"I hear nothing," he murmured.

"Wait."

Far below there was the faint noise of a splash.

"Something fell," he said.

"Listen again."

And after another interval the noise of the splash was repeated.

"Well, sir?" questioned the housekeeper.

"Well?" he returned. "Who's in that room?"

"The master, sir," she said, in awed tones.

"Every night, unless there isn't a moon, he goes up there after we're all gone to bed, and I hear them splashes. A hundred and forty-two I've heard to-night. There's no furniture in that room, sir, and he keeps it locked. Sometimes he takes packages up there. Just underneath the window there's a sort of well, or perhaps I should say a little pond, that comes nearly up to the walls of the house, sir. That's where you hears the splash, sir."

"And what is it that drops, Mrs. Hewitt?"

"Don't ask me, sir, for I don't know. But I can tell you one thing, sir."

"What is that?"

The woman checked herself.

"You're an old friend of the master's, aren't you, Mr. Forrest?"

"I think I am the most intimate friend he has."

"Then I'll tell you, sir. The master's mad."

"Mad!" Forrest exclaimed, involuntarily raising his voice. "But——"

"Hush!" She stopped him.

There was the sound of a door closing, and the turning of a key; then feet on the stairs. Arthur Forrest crept out of the room, and, looking over the bannisters, was just in time to see Peterson, clothed only in his pyjamas, disappear into his bedroom.

"I tell you he's mad," Mrs. Hewitt was by his side again.

"But he can't be," said Forrest, rather annoyed. "I know him so well. I've never noticed a truer——"

"He's mad," repeated Mrs. Hewitt. "It's in the family. I dare say you know that young Carl died in an asylum."

(To be Continued.)

OUR NEW STORY.

On Saturday next, March 21, we shall begin the publication of our new serial story, "The Trifler," by Archibald Eyre.

THE KEMBLA DISASTER.

WIND BLAST HYPOTHESIS "FANCIFUL."

The Royal Commission, consisting of Judge Murray and Messrs. D. A. W. Robertson and David Ritchie, appointed to inquire into the cause of the colliery disaster at Mount Kembla on July 31 last, sat yesterday at No. 2 District Court.

J. C. H. Mingaye, analyst, Department of Mines, deposed that he had analysed specimens of apparently caked coaldust taken from the mine, and he found that several of the specimens had evidently been subjected to the heat of a flame, as high in one case as 1472deg. Fahr. He thought that there had certainly been a firedamp and coaldust explosion, and could not see any warrant for the great wind-blast theory.

J. D. Goodwin, engineer for the borough of Ashfield, and who had previously had a lengthy mining experience, gave evidence to the effect that the remedy for the future prevention of disaster was to be found in the universal use of safety lamps whenever gas was once seen in a mine. He did not approve of watering mines where shot-firing was carried on, but he thought that the haulage and travelling roads ought to be watered. He had known of large falls, but never heard of them causing burning.

Thomas Parton, consulting mining engineer for the Metropolitan and other collieries, and one of the examiners under the Coal Mines Act, was called by the Commission and examined at its request by Mr. Bruce Smith. Witness had had over 25 years of active experience as a colliery manager in England and Australia. He was present at Kembla on the Saturday after the disaster. He noticed bodies that appeared to him to be burned. One in particular was very badly burned about the arms, the skin being black and twisted up like ribbons, whilst the hair was singed.

Had you any doubt whatever that the effect on the skin was produced by actual flame?—No, that was my impression based on extensive experience.

What opinion have you formed as to the wind blast hypothesis propounded by Dr. Robertson?—I do not see anything that favours that theory at all. There is nothing to warrant me in accepting it. I think it is altogether fanciful, and most improbable. From what he saw himself in the road and the piling of the skips together, witness stated that all that could be accounted for by the effects of an ordinary gas and coaldust explosion. He did not think the wind blast would produce sufficient force to do it, as there were too many open spaces for the air to press into. He could only express an opinion as to the cause of the disaster from what he had followed, seen, and read, and it was quite feasible that gas existed to an extent in the 35-acre goaf and that the fall of roof forced the gas through the open space on to the nearest naked light, thus creating an explosion, which was increased by coming into contact with coaldust.

Witness was cross-examined by Mr. Wade regarding the miners' recommendations.

The Commission adjourned until to-day.

WATER AND SEWERAGE BOARD.

The weekly meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage was held yesterday, the president (Mr. Jacob Garrard) occupying the chair.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

An abstract was laid on the table of the revenue collected from July 1, 1902, to March 14, 1903, showing the amount to be £224,011 3s 3d, as against £211,615 10s 8d during the same period of the previous year, or an increase of £12,395 12s 7d. The engineer-in-chief submitted a return, which was received, showing that during the week ended the 14th instant 1453 yards of watermains had been laid, 54 yards lowered, 81 yards cleaned, and 19 hydrants fixed. The total length of main laid since July 1 last was 24 miles 440 yards. He also presented a return showing that during the week ended the 14th instant 1449 yards of sewers had been laid, making a total length since July 1 last of 17 miles 266 yards. This return was also received.

The following tenders were accepted:—For contract No. 475, supply and delivery of stop, air, and reflux valves for two years G. and C. Hoskins, 6½ per cent. below schedule rates. For contract No. 477, construction of 8700 lineal feet of stoneware pipe sewers in the borough of Marrickville, office estimate schedule rates £2500; E. Eagar, 24½ per cent. above schedule rates.

Accounts amounting to £4828 10s 1d were passed for payment.

LANE COVE RIVER FOOTBRIDGE.

A letter from the Under-Secretary for Public Works was read with reference to the erection of the footbridge carrying pipes over the Lane Cove River at Chicago Mills, towards the cost of which work the Water and Sewerage Board had agreed to contribute one-half. He pointed out that when tenders were received for the manufacture and erection of the steel spans it was decided, in view of the urgency of the matter, and with the board's concurrence, to accept the lowest offer, although the amount was considerably over the departmental estimate. It was now found that in consequence of this and to provide for the cost of supervision (not included in the original estimate), and extras which may arise in connection with the contract, it will be necessary to provide additional funds to the extent of about £1300. It was therefore proposed that the extra amount required should be provided equally by the department and the board.

The engineer-in-chief to the board added the following minute:—"£1300 for extras and supervision is a very large sum on a job estimated at £4600. The period occupied in construction has been long, extending from about May last, so that the item 'supervision,' not provided for in estimate, would be considerable. Difficulty of access would also add to the expenses under this item. The foundations of piers were constructed by day work, as the stratum was uncertain. The amount of £1300 for extras and supervision appears a large sum. As the board is a partner in a sense in this work, I do not see how we can object to paying a moiety of the cost. Under the circumstances I recommend that the board agree to the proposal."

After a brief discussion, in which the excessive amount for extras and supervision was commented upon by Mr. John Taylor as one of the effects of day labour, the suggestion of the engineer-in-chief was adopted.

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OUR YORKSHIRE WOOL LETTER.

A CHECK AND ITS EFFECTS.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

BRADFORD, Feb. 13.

The wool markets of Europe seem to have donned quite a pessimistic mood, and since I last reviewed the situation a decided check has taken place. Buyers came home from London fully convinced that markets were lamed, and actual results since the sales closed have proved that things have slowed down almost as fast as they had risen. It has been to everybody outside Bradford an unsolved problem and a profound mystery to know why super 60's tops could be bought in Worstedopolis at 24½d when wool was costing in Australia on a basis of 26d in the top, and fully the same figure in London. In this one particular market Bradford has stood out clear and definite from every other market, and topmakers have known and freely acknowledged to having their hands tied and unable to stir one jot or tittle. I do not know a single merino topmaker who has sold a pack of tops at a profit since the middle of last November, for it has only been in exceptional cases where more than 24½d has been paid for a super 60's top, and 25½d would buy one of the best 64's, and that freely. But they could not be made at that figure, and the bad business folly of topmakers selling what they could not make has been the greatest problem of modern commerce. Really speaking, it is the conservative attitude of Bradford spinners which has told upon the market in London, and Continental operators becoming somewhat frightened that Bradford was right and they wrong, caused towards the finish an occurrence which produces effects that cannot be overestimated. A rise to begin with and a fall to finish is infinitely worse than a slack start and a brisk finish, and Bradford market to-day is somewhat staggering under the blow inflicted in London and Liverpool. The undertone is fairly good, and it may be things may firm up again, but for the time being things are slack with no trade doing.

REDUCED LIMITS.

It is my privilege to sit in Coleman-street during the first series of sales, and even with the slight ease towards the finish, wool was difficult to get. There is no gainsaying the fact that at the halfpenny decline buyers were as keen to obtain wool as they were the week before when they paid the extra halfpenny, but towards the finish everyone seemed to be working on reduced limits, and certainly beyond these they would not go. Selling brokers were not over keen at letting wool go at less prices, and I think their action was fully justified in view of the poor prospects there are for supplies towards the middle and end of the year. The present may be but a temporary relapse, just to give men time to recuperate and to fully weigh up the pros and cons of the situation, for it appears to many that the fall in merinos is in no sense justified in view of to-day's consumption and sensible reduction in supplies. However, prices were certainly down to what they have been, and New South Wales woolgrowers will be interested in the following well-known clips, which show what prices were made last December, and again at the first series of sales for the same mark of wool and description:—

NEW SOUTH WALES CLIPS.

Mark.	Dec. Series. Fleece. d.	Dec. Series. Pieces or Broken. d.	Jan.-Feb. Series. Fleece. d.	Jan.-Feb. Series. Pieces or Broken. d.
Con	11	8	10½	9
Goree	14	11½	12½	10½
Cockrtgedong	12½	10½	12½	9½
Jerilderie	12½	8½	12	9
Teremia	11½	10	10	8½
Goongumbla	11	9½	9½	8
Cuba	10	9½	11	11
BRLN	11	10	10½	10½
Beneremba	11½	11	11½	11
Uardry	10	10	9½	9
Haddon Rig	11½	10	9	9½
Nebea	10½	8	10	8

JANUARY, 1902, AND JANUARY, 1903.

The last series of sale saw a large number of New South Wales new clip wools offered for the first time this season, and it gave me considerable pleasure to watch their sale throughout the entire series. It seems to me that with New South Wales Riverina wools of good staple and condition being quoted 38·09 per cent. dearer, and New England fine bluish wools 37·20 per cent. dearer than in January, 1902, it will form an interesting item to many readers if we look at a few of the leading clips and compare them with the figures they made at the January series in 1900, 1901, 1902, and 1903. I only take fleece wools, and give the highest prices realised:—

Mark.	1900. Fleece. d.	1901. Fleece. d.	1902. Fleece. d.	1903. Fleece. d.
Mooipa	15	8	10½	—
Con	16½	7½	9½	10½
Goongumbla	15	7½	8½	9½
Teremia	16½	8	10½	10
Cockrtgedong	15½	9½	11	12½
Goree	14	9	10	12½
Yarrabee	15	—	9½	11½
Yabtree	—	10½	12½	14½
Willandra	—	8	8	8½
Gunbar	14½	8	9½	10
Mimosa	15	8½	10	12½
Th over P	—	9	10½	13½
Haddon Rig	17	8½	10	9
Canally	16	8½	9½	11
Paika	15½	9½	10	11
Moorna	14½	8	9	10½
Goonoo Goonoo	17½	11½	11½	15½
Plumthorpe	16½	—	11	14
Breeza	15	7½	8	8½
Tycannah	15½	—	9½	11
ACoA	17	10½	—	12
Miller's Creek	15½	—	10½	11½

PRIMARY CAUSE OF THE FALL.

Most assuredly the primary cause of the fall is in the ultimate fabric buyer stoutly refusing to pay the advances demanded. There might be a world of difference between wool and the manufactured article to give rise to the intense bitterness of the fabric buyer in his antagonism against increased rates. Textile fabrics might be made out of hemp and jute, judging by the opposition which woollen manufacturers have had to contend with all along when they have been attempting to enforce their rightful claims. One or two of the biggest firms have been able to obtain an advance of 6d per yard on the very best classes of worsted coatings and heavy cloths, such as police and military cloths, but when it comes to be a question of everyday goods, such as tweeds and suitings, not one man in a dozen has been able to obtain more than 2d to 3d per yard, and a penny will cover the advance in 75 per cent. of the woollen cloths which are made here in Yorkshire. The general effect of the upward trend of fine wool is given as follows:—

Greasy Australian wool by 42½ per cent., or 3½d per lb.
Clean Australian wool by 40 per cent., or 5d per lb.
60's Botany tops by 35 per cent., or 6½d per lb.
Worsted yarn by 27½ per cent., or 7d per lb.
Solid worsted cloths by 15 per cent., or 8d per lb. on 16oz. worsted cloth.

WORKING AT A LOSS.

Commenting on the prices of cloth, an eminent firm of manufacturers state that values "to-day are very reasonable indeed compared with the prices of raw material, as few manufacturers have apparently obtained more than 6d per yard advance on medium weight fabrics, whilst the real advance, according to the market, is from 8d to 10d per yard, representing a loss of profit to manufacturers of at least 3d per yard. It may be mentioned that to-day we are getting at least 1s per yard less than we obtained for identically the same cloths three years ago."

I think it will be acknowledged that when our manufacturers have been selling in many cases at a positive loss they have been at least reasonable in their demands, and the 3d to 6d advance on solid Botany cloths which they have enforced has left them to face an uncompromising future. Fabric buyers seem to have cared nothing at all as to what wool and yarns have cost, and to-day they are as bitterly opposed as ever they were to paying more. Here in reality we have the leading cause for this slight reversal in wool, but topmakers are hoping that it is but a temporary slowing down. The woollen trade has continued to be fairly busy, cheap crossbred wools being very extensively used, but the Bradford trade in general could do with a large increase of fresh orders.

TOPS CHEAPER.

I do not think that the market is any weaker than it was a week ago, topmakers realising that they are the people who alone can save the situation. It is now possible to buy a good standard 60's top at 24d, and a 64's at 24½d to 25d. Fine crossbreds, 58's have come down to 19½d, and 56's to 18½d; 50's are worth no more than 15½d, and a fraction less with cash down any quantity can be had; 46's have dropped a full ½d, and 12½d to 13d is to-day's price; and 44's are standing at 11d to 11½d. The best makers of 40's prepared tops have been quoting 11d all along; 10½d was the selling price, and 10d to-day is the prevailing figure; 36's and 32's which did not share in the big rise which took place in 40's, remain about stationary at 9½d and 8d respectively. At these prices it is now possible to do business, but wool cannot be bought anywhere to show any margin at these prices. We are almost certain to have some quiet markets for a while to come, and while crossbreds can hardly be expected to maintain their late level, merinos should continue to figure at a good high level. Stocks are light, hence prices should continue at to-day's level.

REGENT-STREET TRAMS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—According to this day's "Herald" the Waterloo Council, at the instance of Alderman Williams, is going to move in the matter of increased tram communication with the city. If that council, in conjunction with those of Botany, North Botany, and Alexandria, would make some effort to obtain what we should have had 20 years ago, that is direct communication with the city via Regent-street, they would earn the thanks of the weary, long-suffering public. Why we have tolerated the unnecessary drag all round Redfern as we have done all these years is incomprehensible, and it is about up to the aldermen of the boroughs interested, as well as our members of Parliament, to make a systematic and united effort to obtain the change I have here pointed out. Hoping this letter may be the means of stirring up public interest in the matter, I am, &c.,

March 16. C. H. HARRISON.

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THE CITY COUNCIL.

MEETING OF HEALTH COMMITTEE.

THE SYDNEY MILK SUPPLY.

PREVENTION OF CONSUMPTION.

A meeting of the health and recreation committee of the City Council was held yesterday, Alderman M'Elhone presiding. The following members also were present:—Aldermen Allan Taylor, Dr. W. Camac Wilkinson, E. Lindsay Thompson, Milner Stephen, John West, and Ralston.

QUESTION OF PURE MILK SUPPLY.

A letter was received from the president of the Women's Social and Political League directing the committee's attention to the high rate of infant mortality in the city and suburbs for the month of December last. Whilst the league was fully alive to the good work being done by the council in suppressing the adulteration of food and drink, it wished to impress upon the council the great and pressing need of a perfectly fresh and pure milk supply, pasteurised, if possible, for infants and children. A great deal of the milk supply was not only adulterated, but was so poor in quality as to be useless for the nourishment of infants.

A minute from the City Health Officer was attached, stating that the department was exerting all its powers to keep the milk supply of the city pure and up to a satisfactory standard.

DISPENSARY FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

Alderman Dr. W. Camac Wilkinson at the last meeting of the City Council carried a resolution,—"That in the interest of public health the council is of opinion that the health committee should at once consider the expediency of introducing further measures for the prevention of the spread of consumption in the city, and that it be referred to the health committee accordingly."

At yesterday's meeting of the committee he moved,—"That the matter be referred to the city solicitor to report as to the power of the council to expend money on the matter, and to the city health officer, city surveyor, and city building surveyor, for report as to a suitable site and cost of land and buildings." He said his proposal was that the City Council should establish a city dispensary, which was necessary for the purpose of discovering the sources of infection. The establishment of such a dispensary led to voluntary notification, and without notification they could not do anything. When once cases of the disease were discovered the sufferers and their friends could be instructed in the matter of treatment. Further, an inspection could be made of the conditions under which they lived with a view if possible to their remedy; and if the cases were in an advanced stage the premises could be disinfected. So that upon voluntary notification there followed instruction, inspection, and disinfection, all of them indispensable links in a rational chain; whilst personal liberty was not interfered with in any way. The dispensary would also be a scientific institution for the detection and discrimination of cases, which would then be grouped and treated accordingly. Some would be ambulatory cases, in which the sufferers would be able to follow their usual avocations; some would be cases for sanatoria; and some unfortunates would require to be sent to a central hospital if the conditions in their homes were such that danger of infection would be imminent. Really the City Council held the key to the solution of the problem, not only for the prevention but also for the treatment of consumption on modern lines. So far as consumption was a disease, sanatoria would be a special charge upon philanthropic individuals. A special hospital for the treatment of consumption would be rather a matter for the State Government, whilst a dispensary was a legitimate subject for municipal intervention. The cost of a dispensary would not be great. He estimated the cost approximately at:—Rent £150; man and wife to take charge (including residence), £150; salary of a physician, £150 to £200; or, say, £500 in all. In addition to that they might add £300 for furniture, but that would only be a first charge. In New York there were no fewer than 27 physicians employed in connection with similar institutions.

After a brief discussion the motion was carried unanimously.

NON-NOTIFICATION OF DISEASE.

A memorandum was received from the city health officer stating that no notification had been received by his department of the illness of ———, who had been registered on February 2 as having died of typhoid fever at the Sydney Hospital on February 1 last. By neglecting to notify this case to the local authority the Sydney Hospital authorities had committed a breach of the Public Health Act. It was resolved that the hospital authorities should be written to, informing them that unless the Act was complied with action would be taken.

THE SUBURBS.

BALMAIN.

A difficulty has arisen between the Balmain Council and the Public Works Department in connection with a roadway across the White Bay reclamation works. The department promised the council that the carriage way of the street should be made 42ft. wide, in place of which it had been reduced to 18ft. The department was recently approached regarding the matter, and at Tuesday night's meeting of the council the Under-Secretary for Public Works intimated that the department did not recognise any responsibility in connection with the street, and, in any case, no funds were available for its improvement. The council decided to inform the department that it had no intention to take over the street until the agreement of the department was fulfilled in its entirety.

Mr. F. J. Paris, the local officer under the Public Health Act, reported at Tuesday night's meeting of the Balmain Council, that he had inspected the whole of the dairies and milk vendors' premises in the borough (of the former there were six and 102 of the latter). With the exception of seven of the milk vendors (whose utensils were not satisfactory as regards cleanliness) the whole of the premises were found to be in a fairly good sanitary condition.

The number of cases of infectious diseases registered during the past fortnight was 26—19 scarlet fever, one diphtheria, and six typhoid fever.

LEICHHARDT.

Mr. P. Newland, the local health officer, acting under instructions from the Mayor, recently secured a number of samples of milk from vendors in the municipality, which were forwarded to the Board of Health for analysis by the Government Analyst. As a result of the examinations a lengthy report was received at Monday night's meeting of the council, and, together with correspondence from the Board of Health, was referred to the sanitary committee of the council to bring up a report with a view to further action in the matter by the council.

Alderman J. G. Griffin, suburban municipal representative on the Water and Sewerage Board, informed the Leichhardt Council on Monday night that it had been decided by the board to extend the 4in. water main in the avenue and north and south avenues of the Redmond estate, and to extend the sewerage facilities to the same estate at a cost of £900.

PADDINGTON.

The question of issuing season tickets on the suburban trams was referred to at the last meeting of the council. Alderman J. Dillon moved,—"That the Railway Commissioners be approached with a view of inducing them to arrange for the issue of season tickets in connection with our tramway system, other suburban councils to be asked to co-operate." It was decided to postpone further consideration until the next meeting.

Alderman J. Dillon moved the following motion at the last council meeting:—"That in the opinion of this council the barriers placed on the carriage ways in Centennial Park should be removed and driving gates substituted, to be open five days per week—holidays excepted—to allow of invalids being driven round the park, and that the eastern suburbs councils be asked to co-operate in approaching the Premier on the subject." Considerable discussion followed. Alderman T. George moved as an amendment,—"That the council again interview the Premier to point out the necessity of side paths for the accommodation of pedestrians."

The amendment was lost on the votes, and the original motion was carried.

ST. PETERS.

A meeting of the St. Peters Ratepayers' and Progress Association was held in the local Town Hall during the week. The president, Mr. E. D. Andrews, occupied the chair. Communications were received from the Marrickville, Hurstville, and Rockdale Progress Associations offering their assistance in connection with the proposed deputation to the Railway Commissioners to ask for more second-class accommodation on the Illawarra line. Mr. Sanderson moved that the St. Peters Council be written to requesting it to protest against the increased amount to be paid to the Fire Brigades Board this year, and asking that an effort be made to have a reel and hose placed at the Town Hall, or that something be done to have a fire station at St. Peters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lambeth and carried. It was also resolved that a letter be sent to the Public School Board asking them to have the Public school at Tempe connected with the sewer, also to make the sheds more comfortable for the children, and that the master might be given their assistance to make the school a first-class one. The same gentleman also moved that the association write to the Railway Commissioners asking them to give more space on the Cook's River trams for smokers, also that the front seats of the trams be reserved for the same.

Mr. E. W. Bathurst writes stating that whilst political extravagance and the drought are the main causes of the decline of the public credit, there are other agencies that have tended to make our condition severely felt, notably, the political financial imposts that have suppressed private enterprises in the mining industry by the framing of restrictive regulations for excessive taxation. "I beg to say it is improvident to hamper the miner in any way by unnecessary legislative restraint," the correspondent continues. "Mining enterprise must be encouraged, not hampered. It ought to be aided by a different system of operation by directors for investors' guidance, as operations in the share market and at the mines are often detrimental to profitable mining investment. I know that no country could be more proud of its mineral wealth and precious gems that this Sunny South, if our rules and laws were based upon more equitable principles that would promote investment."

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WITHOUT RESERVE.

NORTH SYDNEY.

On the Premises, DOLLAR COTTAGE, No. 4 BRISBANE-STREET, MILSON'S POINT.

Leave tram at Willoughby-street.

THIS DAY, MARCH 19, at 11 o'clock.

The CONTENTS of a 5-ROOMED COTTAGE, more or less damaged by fire, comprising—ROSEWOOD PIANO (in good order), Drawing and Dining Furniture, Chests of Drawers, Wardrobe, Cedar Chiffonier, Overmantel, Hall Stand, Bedsteads and Bedding, Curtains, Pictures, Ornaments, Kitchen and Laundry Utensils, &c., &c.

CLARKE AND SOLOMONS, AUCTIONEERS, 78 WALKER-STREET, North Sydney, have received instructions from Mr. W. Gordon to sell as above,

WITHOUT RESERVE. TERMS, CASH.

On the Premises, 20 ALFRED-STREET, North Sydney, near Milson's Point. THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 19th MARCH, at 2.30 p.m.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, comprising Bedsteads and Bedding, Chest Drawers, Dining and other Tables, Linoleum, Kitchen Utensils, &c.

CLARKE AND SOLOMONS, Auctioneers, 78 Walker-street, North Sydney.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK. On the Premises, corner DENMAN and DARLING STREETS (opposite Club Hotel), GLEBE.

STOCK, FIXTURES, FURNITURE, and EFFECTS of Confectionery and Tobacconist Shop and residence, as going concern. If not sold in one line, will be sold in lots to suit purchasers.

GIBBS and CO. (H. B. Pollard) have received instructions from Mr. Atkinson to sell as above, without reserve. Terms, Cash.

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE OF BUILDING MATERIALS, on SATURDAY, March 21st, at 3 o'clock, at JERSEY-STREET, PADDINGTON.

FAVOURITE 'BUS STABLES. Timber and Galvanised Iron.

JAMES COWAN has been instructed to sell.

Full particulars in future issue.

CHATSWOOD.—Rawson Heights Est. Torrens Title. On the Ground, SAT. NEXT. R. and W., Ltd.

AUCTION SALES.

TO LADIES AND GENTLEMEN FURNISHING.

AT THE SALEROOMS, 115 BATHURST-STREET.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 19th, at 11 o'clock.

The CONTENTS and the SUPERIOR FURNISHINGS and APPOINTMENTS of a 10-roomed Residence, removed to the Rooms for convenience of sale from Wylde-street, Potts Point.

Very Fine Dinner Service of 100 pieces. Glassware, Cutlery, Electroplate.

Massive Dining-room Furniture of all descriptions in very clean condition.

Elegant Drawing-room Suite of seven pieces, in Silk Tapestry and Plush. Brussels Carpets, Hearthrugs. Lace Window Curtains. First-class Photograph and Records.

The Charming Furnishings of Five Bedrooms, including 3 Bedroom Suites, Cedar Chests, Toiletware, M.-top Washstands, Massive Brass-mounted Bedsteads, Single and Double, fitted with Wire Matts, and Kapok Beds.

Ice Chest, Laundry and Kitchen Requisites.

VINCENT H. KELSON, late DALWOOD and CO., Limited, has received instructions from Mrs. Chas. Sutley to conduct this Important Sale WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 19th MARCH, AT 11 A.M.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION of HIGH-CLASS PIANOFORTES, by EMINENT ENGLISH and CONTINENTAL MAKERS, at THE ROOMS, 167 CLARENCE-STREET.

LAWSON, HENDERSON, AND CO. have been favoured with instructions from the importers to conduct the sale of Pianofortes, at their Rooms, as above, THIS DAY, 19th MARCH, at 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, 20th MARCH, on the Premises, "THE OLD CLUB HOUSE," Delriview-street, adjoining the Bondi Aquarium, AT 11 A.M. SHARP.

Under instructions from the Mortgagees. HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and GENERAL EFFECTS, consisting of SUITE of DRAWING-ROOM (Wicker) FURNITURE, SUITE of DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, AUSTRIAN CHAIRS and COUCH, CARPET, OCCASIONAL TABLES, LINOLEUMS, KEROSENE STOVE, CURTAINS and HANGINGS, KITCHEN UTENSILS, &c., QUANTITY OF ISLAND CURIOS.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO. will sell by auction the above.

AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30 P.M.

At the ROOMS, 183 Riley-street, Surry Hills.

J. LAZARUS (late J. L. Lee), acting under instructions from various owners, will sell by Public Auction, at the above time and place,

A Splendid Assortment of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, which includes elaborate DRAWING, DINING, and BEDROOM SUITES, KITCHEN UTENSILS, &c., &c., &c.

INSPECTION INVITED.

NO RESERVE.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11 a.m.

At 417 PITT-STREET, near Goulburn-street.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

HOWE and CO.,

HENRY W. BROOK, AUCTIONEER, will sell by auction, WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

ALF EDGAR has received instructions to sell by auction, at 66 OXFORD-STREET, at 2.30, House of FURNITURE, Bedroom Suite, Dining-room Suite (leather), Velvet Suite (7 pieces), Ex. Table, Sideboard, Lovely Piano, walnut, nearly new. Anyone in search of a piano should inspect this one. Brass-mounted Bedstead, Kapok Bedding, contents of 3 single bedrooms, Chairs, Tables, Couches, Washstands, Sets Ware, Wardrobes. Also, contents of shop, Counter, 60 Lollie Jars (all sizes), 2 Ice cream Machines, 1 Milk Shake Machine (nearly new), 6 Marble Tables, 1 Screen, handsome Showcase, 2 Chairs, 1 solid Cedar 8-drawer Chest, Kitchen Sundries, &c.

WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST RESERVE.

Auctioneer's Offices, 66 and 68 Oxford-street, city.

MOSMAN.

HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 19.

AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

At the Mansion Residence, THE RANGERS, RANGERS-AVENUE, MOSMAN, under instructions from CHARLES G. ALFORD, Esq. (Inspector Bank of New South Wales).

In consequence of relinquishing housekeeping.

THE HIGHLY SUPERIOR AND SUBSTANTIAL FURNITURE and COSTLY HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS, VALUABLE PIANOFORTE, by G. SIMON, on the Lipp system, &c., &c., &c.

FULL PARTICULARS in CATALOGUES, to be obtained at the Offices of the Auctioneers, 128-130 PITT-STREET, and at the RESIDENCE.

ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE.

THE EASIEST MEANS of ACCESS to the Rangers is per NEUTRAL BAY FERRY, thence per ELECTRIC TRAM to HARRISON-STREET. The Mansion is about seven minutes' walk along Harrison-street towards Mosman.

JAMES R. LAWSON, AUCTIONEER, LAWSON, CARO, and CO., LTD., AS AGENT FOR THE VENDOR, CHARLES G. ALFORD, Esq., has been favoured with his instructions to conduct the highly Important Sale by Auction at the Residence as above.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION, AT THE ROOMS OF LAWSON, CARO, AND CO., LTD., 128-130 PITT-STREET, near King-street, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 20th MARCH, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

THE VERY SUPERIOR MODERN FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS, removed from a Gentleman's Residence in the Northern Suburbs for ABSOLUTE UNRESERVED SALE.

ON VIEW THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 19th MARCH, from 10 o'clock a.m. to 6 p.m.

JAMES R. LAWSON, AUCTIONEER (LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd.), ACTING AS AGENT FOR THE MORTGAGEES, has been favoured with instructions to conduct the HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, AT THE ROOMS, 128-130 PITT-STREET, as above.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ABOVE SALE.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 20th MARCH, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

AT THE ROOMS OF LAWSON, CARO, AND CO., LTD., 128, 130 PITT-STREET, near King-street.

HIGH-CLASS MODERN FURNITURE and HANDSOME HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS.

The Property of a Gentleman who lately resided at Mosman, and removed from Messrs. Sanders' Stores to the Rooms for convenience of sale; also the complete Furnishings removed from the residence of a well-known Medical Practitioner, who is leaving shortly for England, and the Furnishings and Appointments removed from a City Dentistry, in consequence of the owner having left the State for England, and on account of sundry Vendors, including

ATTRACTIVE TABLE APPOINTMENTS.

FINEST QUALITY CARPETS, Royal Axminster and Brussels in suitable size squares.

LIGHT OAK DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, supplied by Messrs. WALKER, SONS, and BARTHOLOMEW, consisting of Suite of Eight Chairs, Four Feet Sideboard, and Six Feet Telescope Dining Table.

Also, ENGLISH OAK DINING-ROOM SUITE, finely inlaid, upholstered in Morocco.

SEVERAL BOLDLY DESIGNED SIDEBOARDS, Open and Enclosed Dinner Waggons, Telescope Dining Tables, elegant Overmantels, and General Dining-room and Breakfast-room Appointments.

HALL AND LIBRARY FURNITURE, including several very fine Hall Stands, Open and Enclosed Bookcases, Roll-top Desk, Library Chairs, &c.

PATENT ADJUSTABLE COLUMBIA DENTAL CHAIR, with hydraulic gear, upholstered in plush, small Dentist's Lathe, Vulcaniser, &c., &c.

SELECT LIBRARY OF MEDICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS.

SUPERB DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE and APPOINTMENTS, including Exquisite Folding Occasional Suite of six pieces, dark mahogany frames, upholstered in flowered silk tapestry, Occasional Tables and Chairs, Valuable Pictures, Choice Ornaments, &c.

VALUABLE UPRIGHT PLEYEL PIANOFORTE, and SEVERAL OTHER INSTRUMENTS BY EMINENT MAKERS.

GEM PHONOGRAPH AND TWELVE RECORDS.

GRAND BEDROOM FURNITURE and APPOINTMENTS, including Solid Walnut Double Bedroom Suite, Walnut and Ash Double Bedroom Suite, Morris Green and Chippendale Single Suites, and several other Suites for minor apartments.

HANDSOME BEDSTEADS AND BEDDING, double and single, complete.

SINGER'S LATEST IMPROVED SEWING MACHINE, vibrating shuttle, with fittings, complete.

SUPERIOR KITCHEN FURNITURE, TWO PATENT ROLLER MANGLES, &c., &c., &c.

ON VIEW THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 19th MARCH, from 10 o'clock a.m. to 6 p.m.

JAMES R. LAWSON, AUCTIONEER, LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Ltd., ACTING AS AGENT FOR THE VARIOUS VENDORS, will conduct the Important Sale by Auction, AT THE ROOMS, 128, 130 PITT-STREET, as above.

THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M. SHARP.

On the Premises, 182 REDFERN-STREET, REDFERN.

ATTRACTIVE and UNRESERVED SALE by AUCTION.

Magnificent UPRIGHT GRAND PIANO, "Hoffman." WALNUT SIDEBOARD, Marble Top, Plateglass Back. AUSTRIAN and RATTAN FURNITURE. Walnut, Occasional, and Dining Tables. CHESTERFIELD COUCH, Upholstered in Morocco. Rochester Lamp, with Onyx Stand. Drawing and Dining Room Suites. VALUABLE ELECTROPLATE TROPHY. WHITE IMPROVED SEWING MACHINE. WALNUT BEACONSFIELD BEDROOM SUITES. Brass and Nickel Mounted BEDSTEADS. 10 Single Bedsteads with Bedding complete. COMBINATION and Other CHESTS of DRAWERS. SOLID WALNUT DUCHESSE TOILETS, Wardrobes. ENCLOSED DRESSER. HOUSEHOLD and LAUNDRY REQUISITES. Also, Quantity of BED and TABLE LINEN.

BARNARD AND CO. will sell by auction as above. POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE. Auctioneers' Offices, 74 Castlereagh-street.

THIS DAY, at 3 p.m. sharp.

On the Premises, THOMSON-STREET, OFF BURTON-STREET, DARLINGHURST.

BAMBOO DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, LINOLEUM, RATTAN and AUSTRIAN FURNITURE, CARPETS, Curtains, Pictures, Ornaments, Overmantel, DOUBLE ¾-TESTER BEDSTEAD and BEDDING, Combination Chest of Drawers, W. and Ware, Dinner Set, Tea Set, Household and Laundry Requisites.

BARNARD AND CO. will sell by auction as above.

POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

Auctioneers' Offices, 74 Castlereagh-street.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 19th, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

DARLINGHURST.

IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

On the Premises, No. 1 CORNER ALBERT and VICTORIA STREETS, POTTS POINT.

The Beautiful UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, Hapsburg, almost new.

DRAWING, DINING, HALL, SINGLE, ¾, and DOUBLE BEDROOM APPOINTMENTS.

Charming Genoa Velvet and Plush Draw. Suite. Substantial 9-piece Leather Dining Suite, carved frames. 8 x 4 Extension Dining Table, 3 leaves and screw. Lofty Overmantels and Pier Glasses. Couches, Lounges, Easy Chairs, &c. Brussels Carpets and Linoleums, Cabinets. Hall Stand, canopy top Sideboard. Beautiful Bedroom Appointments. Massive 3-wing WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE, all bev. mirrors, &c., with 4-6 Toilets, in up-to-date style. 2 Minor Bedroom Suites. Chests Drawers, Combinations, &c. Several First-class Single, ¾, and Double Brass-mounted Bedsteads, complete with best wires and kapok sets. Kitchen and Laundry Utensils, &c. Icechest, medium sizes, and a host of Miscellaneous Sundries.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB has received definite instructions from the proprietress to sell as above.

ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

ON VIEW MORNING OF SALE.

Auctioneer's Rooms and Offices: 637-639 George-street. Telephone, 2956 city.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30.

MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, at Hay and George streets, Haymarket, large assortment really good Furniture, Overmantels, Linoleum, Oilcloths, Bedsteads, Bedding, Roller Mangle, &c., removed from leading hotel. NO RESERVE.

CHATSWOOD.—Rawson Heights Est. Torrens Title. On the Ground, SAT. NEXT. R. and W., Ltd.

MESSRS. STRONGMAN AND WATSON beg to inform country furnishing in good taste, Dealers in the better class of Furniture, Commission Agents, and others that they are holding one of their

GREAT MONTHLY AUCTION SALES OF COSTLY MODERN FURNITURE, and EXQUISITE APPOINTMENTS and EFFECTS, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 A.M.

SIX HUNDRED POUNDS' WORTH to be sold to the highest bidder at THE BURWOOD SALEROOMS,

and for Absolute Unreserved Sale, on account of M. M'MAHON, Esq., late of Northfleet, Vernon-street, Strathfield; also from the residence of a Medical Practitioner who is leaving the State, and for various owners who are selling portions of their Household Effects.

PIANOFORTES, PIANOFORTES,

by Ronisch, Collard, Victor, and other first-class makers. SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARDS. SOLID WALNUT, DINING, DRAWING, and BEDROOM SUITES. Superb Carpets of various sizes, Grand Linoleums. Extension Tables, Very Superior Bedsteads, and a tremendous quantity of really tip-top Furnishing Requisites. Eureka Gas Stoves, Patent Mangles, and every conceivable thing in household gear.

N.B.—The auctioneers have instructions to sell at best possible prices, but to sell at any price offered, as vendors are leaving for other parts.

LOW PHAETON! LOW PHAETON!

Sent in from Chatswood for absolute sale THIS DAY, 2 p.m. Inspection Invited.

Also, on account of a Strathfield Resident, Fine Black Buggy HORSE, quiet trams, will be offered 2 p.m.

THIS DAY.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, the UNREDEEMED PLEDGES pawned with Mr. A. M'Hugh, of 25 Hartley-street, Balmain.

At 11 o'clock: Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c. At 3 o'clock: Sundries and Jewellery.

TO-MORROW, 11 O'CLOCK.

403 Oxford-street, Paddington, opposite Public School.

Absolutely UNRESERVED SALE of the SHAMROCK HAM and BEEF SHOP, comprising Handsome Marble Counter (13ft. 6in., cost £25), Patent Till, Computing Scales (cost £15), Marble Slabs, Warming Pans, Saveloy Can, 2 large Plate-glass Mirrors, Cutting Boards, Lino., Tickets, Incandescent Burners, Crockery Ware, Cutlery, Tables, Chairs, Meat Safe, Block, Bells, Mats, Palms, Gas Ring, Kitchen Utensils, together with all the requirements for carrying on the class of business.

JOHN P. LISTER has been instructed to sell the above.

TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, Thursday, at 10.30 a.m., on the Premises, Belmont, Llewellyn-street, Balmain, on account of owner leaving the State.—The whole of the Household Furniture and Effects, comprising the contents of Drawing, Dining, and 3 Bed Rooms; also Kitchen Furniture and Utensils and Sundries, Old Violin, and 4 valuable Oil Paintings.—W. J. LAWS, Auctioneer, Darling-street, Balmain, will sell as above. Without any Reserve.

ORDER OF SALE OF VARIOUS FREEHOLD PROPERTIES, to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, at 11 a.m., THIS DAY.

ALEXANDRIA, PICKUP-STREET.—Terrace of 8 Cottages, Nos. 1 to 8 PICKUP-STREET, rents £166 8s per annum.

ALEXANDRIA, PICKUP-STREET.—Terrace of 8 Cottages, Nos. 25 to 40 PICKUP-STREET, rents £200 per annum.

ALEXANDRIA, PICKUP-STREET.—Terrace of 7 Cottages, Nos. 41 to 47 PICKUP-STREET, rents £127 8s per annum.

WOOLLAHRA, GRAFTON-STREET, close to Adelaide-street.—Three Building Blocks. Torrens.

MOSMAN, MUSGRAVE-STREET.—Two-story residence, STONLEIGH. Torrens.

MOSMAN, MUSGRAVE-STREET.—Detached weatherboard Cottage, MALARA LODGE. Torrens.

STRATHFIELD, ANGEL-ROAD.—Three faithfully built Residences. Land 81ft. x 140ft.

WATERLOO.—Lot 3 Section B Zetland Estate, 18ft. to BOURKE-STREET, by 100ft.

CHATSWOOD.—Lot 12, Irving's Estate, 85ft. to MACQUARIE-STREET x 200ft. Torrens.

RAINE and HORNE, Auctioneers.

ORDER OF SALE of SHARE and PROPERTIES to be submitted by PUBLIC AUCTION, THIS DAY, at 11.30, by HUGH DUFF and CO., at THEIR SALESROOMS, 283 GEORGE-STREET.

SHARE.—1 CIVIL SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

SUMMER HILL-ASHFIELD.—TINTERN-ROAD.—[illegible] TAHI, Gentleman's Residence with verandah, balconies, hall, and corresponding hall stairs, drawing-room [illegible] artistically decorated, dining-room x 18, breakfast-room [illegible] large bedrooms, [illegible] bathroom, servant's room, [illegible] kitchen, [illegible] every possible convenience. LAND, 120ft. by a depth of [illegible] is enclosed with dwarf wall and railing, and most tastefully laid out in beautiful lawns, flowers, and gravel walks, house, fowl run, &c.

ANNANDALE.—Nos. 1 and 3 [illegible] Small Investment.—2 [illegible] Cottages, each 3 rooms, [illegible] land 45 x 75, returns [illegible].

TURRAMURRA.—Cherry-street, 5 min. from station.—Charming Cottage Residence, 6ft. hall, drawing and dining rooms (folding doors), 3 bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, pantry, washhouse, land 1 acre, well laid out in flower, fruit, and vegetable gardens; stables, coachhouse, and feedroom.

Full particulars from HUGH DUFF and CO., Auctioneers, 283 George-street.

ORDER OF SALE of SUBURBAN PROPERTIES, to be Offered at the ROOMS, STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDINGS, 113 PITT-STREET, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11.30 a.m.

BALMAIN-ROZELLE.—Nos. 9 and 11 Merton-street, close to tram and ferry.—2 semi-detached brick or stone houses, slate roofs, verandahs and balconies, each 4 rooms, kit., all offices and conveniences, connected with sewer, &c., in thorough order. An excellent letting property. Torrens Title.

ST. PETERS, Church-street, at the rear of Post-office, close to tram.—Three brick Terrace Cottages, slate roofs, each 3 rooms and kit., verandahs back and front, copper, sewerage, &c., rents £1 4s 6d per week. Land 50 x 130, Freehold.

MARRICKVILLE, Thornley-street.—W.B. Cottage, 4 rooms, stove, city water, land 30 x 85. Torrens Title. Being portion of the Warren Estate.

ASHFIELD.—Richmond, St. John's-road, a double-fronted brick Cottage, tiled roof, 6 rooms, bathroom, kitchen with range and suite, laundry, tubs, &c., conservatory, fernery, woodhouse, sheds, sewer, &c., land 50 x 125.

PENSHURST, Penshurst-road.—Partly fenced and cleared, 5 acres of good Land, about one mile from station, and close to Mr. Fenton's property. Torrens title.

ERNEST C. V. BROUGHTON, AUCTIONEER.

ORDER OF SALE

FUNDED AND DEBENTURE STOCK.

CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., TO-MORROW (Friday).

FUNDED STOCK.—£200 of N. S. Wales 4 per cent. [illegible] annum, due 1912.

DEBENTURE STOCK.—£80 in E. S. and A. Bank, Ltd., 4 per cent. per annum.

PREFERRED Inscribed Deposit Stock.—£78 in E. S. and A. Bank, Ltd., 3 per cent. per annum.

DEFERRED Inscribed Deposit Stock.—£77 in E. S. and A. Bank, Ltd., 3 per cent. per annum. Executors' sales.

CITY.—Block of Land, Park-street, 15ft. x 50, between Pitt and Castlereagh streets.

ULTIMO.—House, No. 33 M'Kee-street, Leasehold, and Harris-street and Crown-road.

REDFERN.—Cottage and two Houses, Nos. 171 to [illegible] Pitt-street, corner of Turner-street, close to Redfern-street, Freehold. Executors' sale.

DITTO.—Eight Houses, Nos. 1 to 15 Turner-street, above. Executors' sale.

FOREST LODGE.—Residence, Mindver, No. 163 Pyrmont Bridge-road, west of Glebe Point-road.

PADDINGTON.—Terrace of Five Houses, corner of Goodhope and Hoddle streets, close to Glenmore road.

DITTO.—Nine Houses, No. 1 to 17 Little Napier-street, corner of Selwyn-street. Executors' sale.

NEWTOWN.—Two Houses, Nos. 143 and 145 Union-street, between Munni and Irvdale streets. Executors' sale.

PETERSHAM.—Two Residences, Nos. 3 and 5 Regent-street, between railway station and Canterbury New-road. Mortgagees' sale.

SUMMER HILL.—Superior Residence, Telahra, George-street, convenient to station.

ASHFIELD.—Residence, No. 18 Chandos-street, close to Webb's-avenue.

NORTH ANNANDALE.—Shop and Dwelling (Holly Store), Piper and Annandale streets.

MANLY.—Corner Block of Land, The Steyne and Wentworth-street. Executors' sale.

BONDI.—Block of 39 acres, Military-road, little north of electric tram terminus; also Cottage and acres adjoining, in two lots. Executors' sale.

LEICHHARDT.—Three Cottages, Nos. 163 to 169 Catherine and Styles streets. Executors' sale.

DITTO.—Block of Land, Styles-street, adjoining above.

BURWOOD.—The unsold lots on the Weldon Estate, fronting Liverpool-road and Weldon-street. Executors' sale.

MARRICKVILLE.—Four Houses, Agnes-terrace, Edinburgh-road, close to foot of Enmore-road. Executors' sale.

DITTO.—Allotment, Smith-street, abutting on the above. Executors' sale.

BRIGHTON le SANDS.—Block of 11½ Acres, the Bight, made, late Lady Robinson's Beach, little south of Bay-street.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

NORTH SYDNEY.

MORAHMEE, a detached Residence, No. 156 ARTHUR-STREET, a few yards south of BERRY-STREET and only 3 minutes from tram. It is of brick, cemented and painted, on stone, slate roof, verandah in front, and containing hall, 7 rooms, linen-press, bathroom, kitchen, and washhouse, 2 apartments in basement, gas, sewer, city water. The LAND has 50ft. frontage to the west side of Arthur-street, with a depth of 150ft. back to lane.

A choice position, commanding view of harbour, Neutral Bay, and eastern suburbs.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the rooms, on FRIDAY, 27th March, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above.

For Continuation see Index to Advertisements.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Wednesday Evening.

The day's business in the Stock and Share market was on a small scale, and there was little or no inquiry for stock. New South Wales 3 per cent. Funded Stock was sold at 98¼. Bank of Australasia advanced 1, having buyer at 84, and Bank of New South Wales rose ½, selling at 42½. Australian Joint Stock Bank B deposits improved 3d, with sale at 13s 9d. North Coast Steam declined 6d, having seller at 19s 6d. Insurance stocks remained steady. Australian Gaslight rose ¼ and North Shore Gas 6d; Tooth's Brewery were rather dearer. Mort's Dock, preferential, declined 6d, selling at 18s. Sydney Hydraulic were sold at the reduced price of 32s 6d for fully paid, and 16s for contributing.

On the Sydney Stock Exchange to-day the following sales were reported:—Forenoon: Sydney Hydraulic, paid, 32s 6d; ditto, contributing, 16s; Colonial Sugar, 38¾; A.J.S. Bank A deposits, 13s 9d. Noon: Nil. Late sales: Bank of New South Wales, 42½; Grafton Gas, 22s 6d; New South Wales 3½ per cent. Funded Stock, 98¼; Mort's Dock Preference, 18s. Afternoon: Sydney Exchange, £12 6s. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor.
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	1,168,061	10	7½	...	...	...	...	...
Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	11	83	84	...	5¼
City	240,000	10	8	4	76/	79/	79/6	4
New Zealand	160,000	10	8	4	71/	73/	...	...
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*Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a full distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

The half-yearly report of the Melbourne Steamship Company to December 31 stated that the business had been satisfactory and justified the directors in recommending the payment of a dividend of 12s per share, leaving a substantial balance to be carried forward.

The New South Wales Government is placing £600,000 4 per cent. Treasury bills on the London market, with a currency of four years. Presumably it has sounded the market, and knows that this amount can be obtained.

The main features of the favourable report of the Bank of Australasia, as indicated by the large profit balance, appear in our cable message. They compare with the figures of the two previous reports as follows:—

	October, 1901.	April, 1902.	October, 1902.
Deposits	£13,878,870	£14,597,098	£14,313,892
Bills and other liabilities	5,111,819	6,058,202	5,874,389
Advances	13,990,456	13,767,961	13,652,571
Profit	140,978	144,468	152,085
Dividend p.c. per annum	10	11	11

The bank had a larger amount of deposits than at the corresponding period of last year, and they were wholly represented in the item cash and securities. Indeed these items were further swollen by a decrease in the advances. Still it will be seen the profit earned exceeds the amount in the corresponding half by £12,007.

The local wool sales for the month closed to-day, and on the whole the prices have shown an improvement ranging up to 5 per cent. on the figures paid at the previous series of sales. To-day's business included transactions up to 11¼d for greasy, and to 21¼d for scoured; and 4813 bales were offered the sales reported totalled 7756 bales, including business done privately. At the three days' sales the catalogues comprised 13,542 bales, while the various auctioneers report having done business to the amount of 20,077 bales.

We have obtained a copy of "The Forester" for December, the organ of the Independent Order of Foresters, and it gives in sterling, specially for English and Australian readers, a schedule of the monthly premiums. These agree with those we quoted in comparison with the net premiums received by the ordinary offices, and the table given by Mr. Fraser when declaring that they were wrong is throughout erroneous. Reference to it shows that the rates given by him are for ages at "last" birthday, while the ordinary life offices reckon the rates from "next" birthday. Thus the rate for 19 years at entrance last birthday in the I.O.F. corresponds with the rate for 20 years next birthday in the ordinary offices, and so on for other ages. Therefore our table holds good, and the deductions drawn from it are not to be modified in any way by the table of rates published by Mr. Fraser yesterday. The assuring public is entitled to the presentation of correct figures from the chief official of the society.

Some interesting and suggestive figures are quoted by Messrs. Pixley and Abell in their annual statement regarding the price, the coinage, and the export of silver to the East from the United Kingdom over a period of 40 years. They may be condensed as follows:—

	Price in Pence.	British coinage. £	Exports to the East. £
1863 to 1872	60¼	4,545,288	36,098,593
1873 to 1882	54¾	6,341,144	70,950,914
1883	50 9-16	1,274,328	7,135,454
1884	50¾	658,5.8	8,418,522
1885	48⅝	720,918	8,010,925
1886	45⅜	417,384	5,845,222
1887	44⅝	851,498	6,327,113
1888	42⅞	756,558	7,807,409
1889	42 11-16	2,224,925	8,575,713
1890	47 11-16	1,712,161	8,456,129
1891	45 1-16	1,057,338	7,092,719
1892	39 13-16	778,932	11,981,835
1893	35⅝	1,088,406	11,649,411
1894	28 15-16	822,402	10,041,163
1895	29⅞	1,187,910	6,481,953
1896	30⅝	1,310,570	6,897,015
1897	27 9-16	911,886	7,223,397
1898	26 15-16	1,260,180	5,949,295
1899	27 7-16	1,544,400	7,742,820
1900	28¼	2,077,020	9,985,642
1901	27 3-16	860,808	9,048,419
1902	24 1-16	1,090,890	7,565,995

The first column shows the remarkable decline in price since the demonetisation of silver as a standard metal by Germany in 1873, and as recent cables have shown, the price had been down to 21 11-6d per oz., and it has only now recovered to 22½d. Unless there be some very marked movement this year the average price promises to be about 2d lower than last. It is noteworthy that the British coinage (which includes the coinage for the colonies) continues to increase, and notwithstanding the reduction in the price the actual sterling value becomes greater, and the same remarks apply to the shipments of silver to the East, notwithstanding the adoption of the gold standard by India. These facts are apparent if we take the figures by decades as follows:—

	Pence per oz.	British Coinage.	Exports to the East.
1863-72	60¼	£4,545,288	£36,098,593
1873-82	54¾	6,341,149	70,950,914
1883-92	45⅜	10,492,589	73,532,642
1893-1902	28¾	12,200,262	82,557,398

At the average price of 1863-72, the British coinage of silver would amount approximately to £25,780,000, so that over five times the amount of silver was minted in the last decade as compared with the total in the 1863-72 decade. And again the exports to the East in the 1893-1902 decade, notwithstanding the closing of the mints in India to the free coinage, would at the 1873 price have equalled £175,000,000, nearly five times the weight of metal exported thirty years ago. An interesting point lies in the fact that the £269,000,000 of silver exported from England to the East, which of course does not by any means represent all the metal imported thereto, since some has gone direct from the countries of production, is now represented by metal at the average price of the 1893-1902 decade, not worth more than £150,000,000. At the present price a shrinkage in gold values of something like £130,000,000 has occurred in the silver imported by the East from the United Kingdom during the past forty years, that is a shrinkage on the import price.

The development of Canadian prosperity from the United States is not confined to the emigration across the borders of population, of which such a considerable number has taken up land on the Canadian-Pacific line. Capital goes with the population. As we learn from a Consular report another notable instance of the disposition of American capitalists to invest in Canadian enterprises is shown in an offer on the part of an American syndicate to take 5000 shares of the stock of the Royal Bank of Canada at 253dol. per share. The syndicate was composed of some of the most prominent bankers and capitalists in New York and Chicago. The price offered was much in excess of the market value of the stock, which had recently been quoted at about 185dol. per share. The directors of the bank accepted the offer, subject to the approval of the shareholders. If the sale was approved, new stock would be issued to the members of the syndicate, the bank having been authorised at the last session of Parliament to issue 1,000,000dol. of new stock.

The value of the imports into the port of Sydney for the week ended March 14, amounted to £412,250, as compared with £461,554 in the corresponding period of 1902. The value of the exports in the week aggregated £215,542, against £214,930 in 1902. From the beginning of the year the trade compares with that of the previous year as follows:—

IMPORTS.

	1902.	1903.	Increase or Decrease.
Wool	£45,448	£80,631	Inc. £35,188
Tallow	4,317	8,323	Dec. 104
Skins and Hides	79,726	79,922	Inc. 196
Produce	164,348	423,957	Inc. 259,609
Meats	13,880	59,369	Inc. 45,489
Wheat	13	320,744	Inc. 320,731
Flour	9,253	78,057	Inc. 68,804
Total merch.	£3,889,558	£3,876,424	Dec. £12,534
Gold	443,580	491,941	Inc. 48,361
Grand totals	£4,332,538	£4,368,365	Inc. £35,827

EXPORTS.

	1902.	1903.	Increase or Decrease.
Wool	£2,267,965	£2,066,698	Dec. £201,267
Tallow	101,249	22,559	Dec. 78,330
Skins and hides	89,733	99,330	Inc. 9,597
Wheat	391,874	6,091	Dec. 385,783
Flour	31,092	39,678	Inc. 8,076
Meats	148,152	59,500	Dec. 88,652
Produce	57,497	68,067	Inc. 10,570
Tin	29,072	49,371	Inc. 20,299
Copper	65,073	50,142	Inc. 9,931
Total merch.	£4,181,698	£3,171,746	Dec. £709,952
Gold	270,740	599,194	Inc. 328,454
Grand totals	£4,452,348	£4,070,940	Dec. £381,408

The imports of merchandise show a decrease of 0·3 per cent.; the exports of domestic produce a decrease of 16·9 per cent. Of the imports for the week amounting to £412,250, a total of £251,014 is from oversea ports, and £161,236 represents inter-state trade.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat ruled steady. For Adelaide on spot 6s was asked, while to arrive 5s 11d would be accepted. In South Australian samples for seed true to name business was done at 6s 9d. Californian met with some inquiry, sales being effected at 5s 6½d and upwards on spot, and 5s 5d to arrive. This latter price is below present replacing cost, there being some anxiety in some quarters to sell. The Melbourne market is also weaker for Californian and Walla Walla wheat, due doubtless to the fact that neither millers there nor bakers have had sufficient experience with these wheats and their resultant flours to get the best results therefrom. 500 tons of Manitoba wheat were placed to arrive. Argentine wheat sold at 4s to 4s 2d, according to position. Local flour was quiet at £12 10s, while Manitoba was almost nominal on spot on account of scarcity. To arrive prices ranged between £12 10s and £13 10s, according to date of delivery.

Messrs. John Darling and Son, writing from Adelaide under date March 16, state:—

Wheat.—Markets during the past week have ruled steady and value here remains at 5s 9d to 5s 9½ per bushel, f.o.b. Port Adelaide. Large sales are reported in Melbourne at 5s 11d to 6s per bushel delivered on wharf there.

Flour continues steady, with a fair amount of business doing at £11 5s to £11 7s 6d per ton for ordinary, and £11 10s to £11 15s per ton for leading brands. In Melbourne leading brands are worth £12 10s per ton, and ordinary brands £12 per ton.

Bran and Pollard. Market is steady at 1s 5d and 1s 8d per bushel for bran and pollard respectively, delivery in city. In Melbourne values are 1s 2½d to 1s 3d per bushel for bran, and 1s 7½d to 1s 8d per bushel for pollard.

The following were the shipments of wheat and flour to Europe from wheat exporting countries from August 1 to February 15 during the current and previous season:—

	Last Season. Qrs.	Total since Aug. 2, '02. Qrs.
U.S. America	16,210,000	14,545,000
Argentine and Uruguay	308,000	505,000
Russian and other Black Sea ports	5,495,000	8,425,000
Danubian	2,945,000	3,655,000
India	810,000	1,120,000
Australasia	745,000	...
Sundries	896,000	660,000
Total	27,470,000	28,910,000

IMPORT MARKET.

There was more speculative inquiry noticeable to-day than has been observable for some time past, and a few good-sized transactions were carried through. Fish came in for some attention, prices being, however, rather low. Good sales of Tasmanian and of Renmark evaporated apples were advised. Both these lines will be scarce this season. Large sales of whisky and rum were also reported. Japan rice came in for some attention. There was also business done in galvanised iron and cornsacks, both of some dimensions.

Tea.—Business was not particularly active, late prices ruling.

Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co. will offer at the City Mart, to-morrow (Thursday), under instructions from Messrs. Fraser, Ramsay, and Co., 129 packages of Ceylon teas ex Australia and Darius, and 196 new seasons Indian ex Coolyanna.

Sugar.—There was no change to advise in this market.

Groceries.—200 cases of Marshall's flat fresh herrings changed hands at market rates. 100 cases of Moir's ditto sold at 4s 10½d, 50 cases of Marshall's ling went at 5¼d. Commenting on our statement that 1d per lb. duty is being collected on ling in Sydney whereas only ½d was collected in Melbourne, the "Argus" states:—"From the clumsy wording of the tariff, it is not quite clear whether the duty should be 1d per lb. or 3s per cwt. But what is certain is, that it should be impossible, under a uniform tariff, to collect, under degrading pains and penalties, a penny per lb. in Sydney and only a halfpenny per lb. in Melbourne on the same article. If the Sydney importer puts in an entry for ling fish as dutiable at ½d per lb., he is liable to be fined in the dirty police court at the corner of the Circular Quay, and to have his consignment seized for the benefit of the Treasury, although the Melbourne branch of the firm is allowed to pass an immaculate entry at the same rate." We may add that ling on which ½d per lb. duty was paid in Melbourne has been sold in Sydney by a Melbourne house in competition with their Sydney branch. What merchants here complain about so bitterly is that this anomaly is now of some weeks standing, and they appear powerless to get any remedy. Twenty-five cases of Lea and Perrin's sauce were sold at 12s 3d.

Dried Fruits.—1000 boxes of Tasmanian evaporated apples were taken up. This is understood to be all that have been apportioned for this market. The total output for this season is estimated at 5000 boxes, against 20,000 boxes last year. This great shrinkage is due to the fact that a much larger proportion of the crop than usual was fit for export to London, only the inferior fruit being evaporated. Three tons of Adelaide evaporated apples also changed hands.

Eastern Produce.—Thirty-five tons of Japan rice changed hands for export.

Liquors.—Hennessy's brandy sold at 34s to 35s for one-star and 45s to 46s for three-star, according to size of parcel to arrive. On spot three-star was obtainable with difficulty at about 47s. The Port Denison and Narrung bring replenishing stocks. Key Gin was quoted at 12s to 12s 3d for 15-bottle and 12s 6d for 16-bottle. Lowndes's rum continued somewhat unsettled at about 2s 7d to 2s 8d spot, and from 2s 5d and upwards to arrive. The Brilliant and Pericles have a quantity of rum on board, some 34 hogsheads and 220 quarters having been sold to arrive. 1000 cases of Usher's whisky were placed at market rates. There was a keen demand for dry Monopole champagne.

Metals.—Twenty-five tons of No. 12 and 14 gauge barbed wire were placed. Holders ask £14 to £14 5s for American Iowa and £13 15s for German. Nos. 8 and 10 black wire were in request at £8 5s and £8 10s. Twenty-five cases of orb G.C. iron went at £18 5s, 50 cases of 26-gauge Fleur de Lis plain at £18 15s, and 20 cases of 24 gauge Redcliffe at market rates.

Though some of the industrial metals, according to our cables, have experienced a slight set-back, spelter has continued to move upwards. The statistics compiled by H. R. Merton and Co., Limited, give the total production of spelter in Europe and the United States during 1902 as 536,760 tons, against 499,455 tons and 470,940 tons respectively in the two previous years. Europe last year produced 398,670 tons, against 376,625 tons and 360,475 tons in 1901 and 1900, and the United States 138,090 tons, compared with 122,830 tons and 110,465 tons in the two previous years. An official of the steel trust confirms the report that the corporation has secured the control of zinc-producing concerns sufficiently large to supply all their needs, which run into 65,000 tons annually. These concerns include the Lanyon Zinc Company, in Kansas. The rise is reported to be due to spot scarcity.

Jute Goods.—200 bales of cornsacks changed hands for export at market rates. Commenting on the recent speculative purchases of cornsacks in Melbourne, the "Age" remarks:—"The principal business has been for new season's deliveries of cornsacks, a recurrence of the foolish speculation indulged in during the past two seasons, with disastrous results, being mentioned. Business of fairly considerable extent is said to have been completed for season's shipment. In this instance, it is stated, the practice of paying for the call over parcels of later delivery is being fostered. In all seasons trading in cornsacks is highly speculative. Purchases have perforce to be made before the extent of local cereal crops can be gauged, and before the jute crop is taken in India, with the result that purchasers on this side for forward delivery always run considerable risks. The ordering of goods now merely increases the speculative character of the trade. The spot market is held firmly at 4s 8d for ordinary trade lots; a few small parcels may be obtainable at less, but the principal holders are agreed as far as prices go." No doubt a great deal of this is perfectly true. The jute business of necessity is of a highly speculative character, but how it is foolish to buy locally at prices far below Calcutta costs, rather than having to import later on, with all the risks attendant on that operation, it is difficult to see. Branbags remained steady on spot at 3s 7d.

Oils.—Private cables advise a further rise of 10s per ton in white lead, making the net London f.o.b. price £21 10s. On spot this line was very firmly held. Castor was offered at 2s 6d. Other oils were quiet and unaltered.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £11,987. The principal items were:—Stimulants, £2349; narcotics, £1080; sugar, £613; agricultural products and groceries, £2549; apparel and textiles, £1604; metals and machinery, £650; oils, paints, and varnishes, £279; earthenware, cement, &c., £208; drugs and chemicals, £130; wood, wicker, and cane, £126; jewellery and fancy goods, £120; leather and rubber, £153; paper and stationery, £270; musical instruments, £11; miscellaneous, £74; harbour and light dues, £39; pilotage, £42; harbour dues, £11; excise on spirits, £179; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £15; excise on beer, £108.

EXPORT MARKET.

Leather in London.—Messrs. Boutcher, Mortimore, and Co. report under date London, February 10:—"There is a good demand for Cape, New South Wales, and all lower priced butts and bends, and light and medium English are in request. English shoulders are saleable. Shaved hides and dressing hides are slow of sale, but calfskins of all classes are in good demand, and prices are high. There is but little inquiry for Australian sides; prices are firm, however, and stocks moderate."

London Wool Sales.—The following private cables were received:—

By Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited.—Merinos and fine crossbred wool, prices improved as sale proceeded to the extent of 5 per cent., whilst the market for coarse crossbreds is irregular, and prices are in favour of buyers."

By the Co-operative Wool and Produce Company, Limited. "Lately reported rates are fully maintained. For fine greasy wools prices are rather higher."

By the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company, Limited.—"For the better classes of greasy prices are on the average higher than at close of last series by 5 per cent.; but prices are unchanged for inferior and faulty wools, and also for scoured. Coarse crossbreds, fall more pronounced."

Wool Receipts (Wednesday).—By rail 179 bales and coastwise 19 bales. At Newcastle on Tuesday last 65 bales were received by rail.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, March 17.

AUSTRALIAN DEBENTURE STOCK, &c.

Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company 4 per cent. debenture stock, unchanged at 92½.

Freehold Trust Company of Australia 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 100.

Queensland Investment and Land Mortgage Company 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 88.

City of Sydney 4 per cent. debentures (1912-13), unchanged at 102.

Dalgety and Co., Limited, shares, ½ lower at 4¼.

Dalgety and Co., Limited, 4 per cent. debentures, 1 lower at 100.

Metropolitan Gas Company (Melbourne) 4½ per cent. debentures, unchanged at 104.

Union Mortgage and Agency Company of Australia, Limited, 4½ per cent. debenture stock, unchanged at 61.

Australian and New Zealand Mortgage Company 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 87½.

SILVER.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 1s 10 5-16d per ounce standard.

METALS.

The closing prices are:—

Spelter, 23¾—a rise of ¼.

Copper, spot, 65⅝—a rise of ⅝, and three months 65⅞.

WHEAT AND FLOUR STATISTICS.

	Mar. 17, 1902.	Mar. 10, 1903.	Mar. 17, 1903.
Afloat—	Quarters.	Quarters.	Quarters.
For United Kingdom	4,070,000	2,640,000	2,515,000
For Continent	1,130,000	1,070,000	1,085,000
Total	5,200,000	3,710,000	3,600,000

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

A quiet tone prevails in the local wheat market. In some cases buyers have dropped their limits to 5s 6d on the trucks. Port Adelaide rates are unaltered. It is estimated that the onion crop at Mount Gambier will yield 3000 tons this season, against 800 last year, which was a record. There is little moving in hay, cutters only buying for present requirements. Business in chaff is quiet, with little inquiry for shipment.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

On the Exchange to-day Queensland National Bank Inscribed Stock were quoted at 11s; Queensland Trustees, s 6s 6d.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

On the Stock Exchange to-day Victoria 3 per cent., 1921-1930, sold at £91 10s; Commercial Bank preferential shares at 84s, 85s; Metropolitan Gas at £8 3s; Melbourne Tramway at 16s; Silverton Tramway at 62s 6d, 63s, and 62s; B.H. Water Supply at 20s 6d.

There is a better inquiry for Adelaide wheat, buyers propose about 5s 11d, sellers ask 6s. Flour is £12 to £12 10s; bran, 1s 2½d to 1s 3d; pollard, 1s 7½d to 1s 8d; Cape barley, 3s 8d to 4s 2d; Californian seed, Cape 4s 3d; Algerian oats 2s 8d to 3s; seed, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; chaff, weak, £4 10s to £5 5s; Gippsland potatoes, £2 5s to £2 10s; Warrnambool, £2 10 to £2 2s 6d; onions, £3 to £3 2s 6d.

Two hundred and fifty packages of Ceylon tea were sold at 8d to 10½d. Moderate sales of currants were made up to 4d. Canary seed sold at £22 to £22 10s; carraway seeds, 5½d. Twenty-five drums of caustic soda sold at £12 10s. Cornsacks sold at 4s 7d to 4s 8d; branbags up to 3s 8d. A fair business was done in No. 8 wire at £8 5s. Tinplates sold at 14s 6d; Castor oil, 2s 6d to 2s 6½d. Butter was firmer; ordinary factory, 11d to 1s; choice Western, 1s 0½d to 1s 1d; eggs, 11½d to 1s 1d.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The steamer Burrumbeet sailed yesterday for Sydney with 240 bags malt, 9 cases tomatoes, 56 cases jam, 755 cases fruit, 150 bags oats, 436 bales chaff, 155 bags potatoes, 140 bags mangolds, and 65 bags onions.

PALMER'S ISLAND, Wednesday.

The Kyogle left at 1 p.m. with 820 bags maize, 50 bags bones, 3 bags melons, 9 bags pumpkins, 5 bundles skins, 120 cases eggs, 28 cases fish, 8 coops poultry, 30 hides, 296 boxes butter, and sundries.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Wednesday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

The markets were again rather quiet in tone, operations being on a rather restricted scale in nearly all departments. With one or two exceptions supplies available were ample for requirements. Apart from a rise in cheese and a fall in potatoes no changes of importance transpired in prices. The demand for maize was rather quiet, the market having a good tone at late closing rates. American maize was offering at 4s 10d to 4s 11d a bushel. Oats moved off steadily, as did other seed lines at late values. Both bran and pollard had a limited amount of attention at late values. The market for chaff had a good tone, supplies being plentiful, and the demand steady for all varieties at prices much the same as those ruling for some time past. Straw remained without change, while oaten hay continued scarce and dear. By boat from the Hunter River district 255 bales arrived this morning. The demand was again somewhat quiet up to 110s for choicest samples. As was anticipated, potatoes eased back a trifle, sales being moderate at £3 15s for choice redskins. Onions were weaker, sales being fair at a reduction of about 5s for best samples. In dairy produce as usual on Wednesday business was rather quiet in most lines. Cheese was dearer, sales being noted up to 8d for choice loaf. As values are now at a high level, agents do not expect a further rise, as then New Zealand cheese could be imported to the detriment of the local article. Eggs were plentiful, the demand being best for southern and new-laid sorts. Other lines underwent no change.

Wholesale quotations were:—

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Market steady. Pasteurised 1s 1½d, best factory 1s 1d, a few choice brands ½d extra, good 12½d, inferior 11½d.

Bacon and Hams.—Quiet. Hand-cured 9½d to 10½d. flitches 9½d to 10½d, middles 11d to 1s 1d. York Castle mild-cured brands, sides 11d, flitches 11d, middles 1s 1d; Clarence, sides 11½d; "A" in circle, sides 10½d; Bodalla, sides 10½d, flitches 10½d, and middles 1s 0½d; Eclipse, sides 11d, middles 1s 1d; Hicks', sides 11d, flitches 11d; Waratah, 11½d. Hams: Local hams in cloth 1s, small weights to 1s 1d; New Zealand, 1s 1d; Pineapple, 1s 1d; York Castle, 1s 1d; Eclipse, 1s 1d; Bodalla, 1s 1d; English, 1s 1d lb.

Cheese.—Market firm. Local, choice 8, medium 7½d, inferior 7d, large choice 7½d, Kameruka Cheddar 8d, Bodalla 8d lb.

Eggs.—Local: Northern eggs, 1s to 1s 1d; South, 1s 2d to 1s 3d; odd lots, 1s 4d. Suburban new-laid eggs, 1s 7d to 1s 9d doz.

FEED GRAIN MARKET.

Oats.—Steady sale. Tasmanian, 2s 6d to 2s 10d, prime 3s; New Zealand, prime 3s, extra choice 3s 2d, good to 2s 11d, inferior and dark from 2s 6d; seed 3s 7d to 3s 9d, milling 3s to 3s 2d; local seed, prime 3s 5½d to 3s 8½d bus.

Barley.—Prime Cape feed 4s 3d to 4s 4d, choice feed to 4s 7d, malting 4s 9d to 5s 3d bus.

Maize.—Local: New white, 4s 10d, choice red quoted 5s, American 4s 8d to 4s 9d bus.

Peas.—Grey 4s 6d to 4s 8d, blue 5s 6d to 6s 9d bus.

Chickwheat.—Local: 5s 7d to 5s 10d. Adelaide: 5s 10d to 5s 11d. New Zealand: 5s 6d to 5s 8d bus.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran was quoted at 1s 3d, pollard at 1s 7d.

FORAGE MARKET.

Oaten Hay.—Local: Prime £6 5s to £6 15s; medium to £5, inferior from £3 15s. Victorian: Prime manger, £7; derrick, £6; Adelaide, £5 10s.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Wharf, choice quoted £5 10s, other makes £4 10s to £5 5s. Railway: Small bales, choice £5 10s to £6; trusses, good, £5; large bales, medium to £5 7s 6d, prime £5 10s per ton.

Chaff.—Local: Choice to £6 17s 6d, medium £6 5s, inferior from £4 15s. Adelaide: £6 5s to £6 15s. Victorian: £6 to £6 5s. Tasmanian: Prime oaten, £5 10s to £6; straw makes £4 to £4 5s, choice oaten £4 10s ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed: Tasmania, £3 ton. Local: Railway, nominal.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Local: Railway, good seed Brownells £5 5s; Early Rose to £6. Tasmanian: Circulars, choice £3 15s, others £3 10s, darkskins to £3 7s 6d. Warrnambools, £2 10s to £3 ton, inferior cheaper.

WOOD MARKET.

Best foot wood 12s to 13s, good 9s to 10s, inferior from 7s; bundles, 9s to 10s 6d; bakers' split, 9s to 10s, inferior 8s to 9s; large bakers' 7s 6d to 8s ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Onions.—Victorian: Portarlington £4 to £4 10s ton.

Beeswax.—1s 1d lb.

Honey.—Choice 2½d to 3d, good to 2¼d, inferior 2d, for tins containing 60lb.

Lard.—Bladder 8d, bulk 7d lb.; American 6½d to 7d lb. by 28lb. bucket.

Turnips.—Tasmanian, prime £4 ton, inferior and stale cheaper.

POULTRY.

River poultry: Fowls, 2s 9d choice 3s to 3s 6d; roosters, ordinary 3s 6d to 4s choice heavy to 4s 6d; English river ducks, 2s 6d to 3s 3d; Muscovy ducks, river 3s 6d to 4s drakes 4s to 4s 6d; geese, 4s to 5s; turkeys, gobblers 14s to 20s, choice to 27s 6d, hens 7s to 9s; guinea fowls, 4s to 4s 6d pair.

REDFERN SALE.

At the Redfern markets this morning only a limited supply of produce was forward for sale. Competition for nearly all lines continued slow at prices much the same as those ruling for some days past. A truckload of good quality oaten hay in derrick bales found a purchaser at 4s 9d cwt. Prime pumpkins moved off well at 4s 6d to 4s 1d and small sorts at from 1s 6d to 2s 6d doz. Chaff and seed potatoes were submitted without leading to business.

The offerings comprised 2 truckloads chaff, 1 oaten hay, 1 potatoes, and 2 pumpkins.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. J. Campbell, J. Bridge and Co., Ellis and Co., Bell and Co., and R. Hall and Son.

Supplies were disposed of as follow:—

Chaff.—From Dale, Ashfield, (truck No. 11,272) passed; A. W. Trim, Black Mountain, (4168) passed.

Oaten Hay.—From T. Blunt, Muswellbrook, (4249) 4s 9d cwt.

Potatoes.—From Trim, Black Mountain (66) passed; M'Lean, passed.

Pumpkin.—From R. Rees, Penrith (1318) 1s 9d; G. Jackson, 4s 6d, and G. A. Jackson, 3s 1d; J. M'Phee, (1468) 1s 6d; J. Hollier, 4s 1d and 3s 6d doz.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Fair supplies of most varieties of seasonable fruits were under offer at the Bathurst-street markets this morning. A good, steady business was passing in nearly all lines, choice fruits commanding most attention. Grapes were plentiful, the chief movement in prices being a rise in muscatels. Tasmanian apples were going off up to 8s a case for prime samples. As far as other items were concerned, no changes of note in prices transpired.

Current quotations were:—

Bananas.—Fiji 2s to 5s bunch, 10s to 11s case; Queensland 2s to 3s 6d bunch, 8s to 9s case.

Passionfruit.—Prime to 9s, good to 7s, inferior from 2s 6d gin-case choice to 4s half-case.

Apples.—Tasmanian, 5s to 6s, choice 7s to 8s; Victorian Fameuses 6s to 7s, Jonathans 6s to 8s; local Fameuses, 3s to 4s, good 6s to 7s, choice 8s to 9s; Trivets 2s to 3s 6d, good to 4s 6d, choice to 7s; Granny Smiths 1s 6d to 3s 6d gin-case, choicest 3s 6d half-case; cooking 3s to 4s 6d; jam apples, 1s 6d gin-case.

Oranges.—American, navel 16s case; Italian, 10s half-case, 17s 6d double case.

Persimmons.—1s 6d to 2s 6d, good to 3s 6d, choice to 4s 6d half-case.

Pomegranates.—1s 6d to 2s 6d half-case.

Plums.—Sydney lates 3s quarter-case.

Lemons.—Small to 5s, medium to 6s, good to 7s 6d, choice to 9s gin-case; Italian, 11s half-case; American, 16s to 17s double case.

Peaches.—Clingstones 2s 6d, good to 4s, choice to 6s gin-case, choicest 4s to 5s; choice slipstones to 6s, others 3s 6d half-case; jam peaches 2s to 2s 6d; slipstones 3s 6d to 4s gin-case. Victorian slipstones, 5s to 6s case.

Cocoanuts.—Choice 8s bag.

Quinces.—2s 6d to 3s, choice 4s gin-case.

Grapes—Centennials, 5s to 6s; White, 2s 6d to 4s; black Hamburg, small 2s 6d, good 3s, choice 3s 6d to 4s; Black Prince, 2s 6d to 4s box; Muscatels, good 2½d to 3d, choice to 3½d, fancy lots to 4d, extra choice white to 5d lb.; Adelaide Crystals, 6s 6d to 7s; Muscatels, 7s to 7s 6d; Lady's Fingers, 8s box.

Pears.—Local: China 2s 6d to 3s, choice to 4s 6d gin-case; Melbourne Jargonelle Bergamots 5s to 7s, choice to 8s; Autumn ditto, 5s 6d to 6s 6d; Beurre de Cap, 4s to 5s 6d; Orange ditto, 5s to 6s; Golden Beurre, 5s 6d to 6s packer; Tasmanian, 5s to 6s case.

Watermelons.—Local, 1s to 2s, good to 4s, prime to 5s 6d, extra large to 6s doz.; rockmelons (local), 2s to 3s gin-case.

Tomatoes.—Local, 1s 6d to 2s, good to 3s, choice to 4s half-case.

Pineapples.—Queens 7s 6d to 8s, common 7s case.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

The following trucking were ordered up to 5 p.m. on Wednesday:—For Monday, March 23, 262 sheep vans and 116 cattle waggons; for Thursday, March 26, 335 sheep vans and 117 cattle waggons.

HOMEBUSH FAT STOCK SALES.

The offerings at the Homebush fat stock sales to-morrow (Thursday) will be as follow:—

Sheep.—Total: 11,118.
Cattle.—Total: 1047.

CITY YARDS.

Calves.—The market was lightly supplied, 187 head being penned. With the exception of a few extra choice calves the offerings mostly comprised medium and inferior descriptions. There was a full attendance of buyers, who operated well throughout the sale. Owing to the number yarded proving within requirements, competition was animated and an advance on last week's quotations was realised for all varieties, especially so for prime young four to six months old vealers, which commanded ready sale. Quotations:—Prime heavy yearlings, £3 to £3 15s; extra choice to £4 5s; good and heavy £2 12s 6d to £2 17s 6d; prime young vealers to £2 15s; good, 40s to 50s; medium, from 30s; and inferior from 12s 6d each.

Pigs.—Owing to only three pigs being forward for sale it is impossible to give a reliable market quotation.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

The concluding sales of the week and of the month were held in the Sydney Wool Exchange, Bridge-street, to-day (Wednesday), when the undermentioned brokers effected sales as follows:—

Brokers.	Offerings.	Sales. At Auction.	Privately ex Catalogue.	Privately, Uncatalogued.	Total.
	Bales	Bales	Bales	Bales	Bales
Pastoral Finance Association, Limited	2,053	1,541	287	808	2,636
Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited	1,076	989	176	1,920	3,085
Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited	1,684	1,399	666	—	2,065
Totals	4,813	3,929	1,12?	2,798	7,756

The Pastoral Finance Association submitted a medium selection in the greasy division, which included one or two nice lines. In scoureds the assortment was good, and contained a few very attractive parcels.

Greasy merino brought up to 11¼d for 16 bales super combing W and E of the BC over Marvale mark, from Barraba. 5 bales super H and combing W bring 10¼d. The wool was of fine quality, well-grown, and bright. Other sales were:—Reversed BP conjoined (Whitton), 10 at 8½d, fine quality, dry, but a little earthy; J. Boxsell over Cherry Grove (Coolamundra), 38 at 8½d, 4 bellies at 5½d, fine quality, sound, and in fair condition; — over MR (Boggabilla), 15 at 10½d, fine quality, good length, dry, soft, but seedy; GF over New England (Wollun), 8 at 10½d, fine quality, bright, but a little skirty; A in triangle over Numby (Burrows), 10 at 11d, 19 at 10½d, 6 at 9½d, fine quality, good staple, soft, and free; Y over WEA over Barraba, 9 at 11d, fine quality, fair staple, sound, and in medium condition; B over WW over W (Gunnedah), 6 crossbred first lambs at 4½d, 4 crossbred second lambs at 3½d, 5 Shropshire lambs at 4d, in dry condition, but very burry; JG over WEE WAA, 11 at 8d, 4 at 7½d, 4 lambs at 4d, good quality, dry, but a little faulty and earthy.

Scoured sold to 20½d for 20 bales extra super combing branded Bronte over Queensland over Water Reserve Mills. The wool was of excellent quality, good colour, free, and prepared by the Sydney Wool Scouring Company, of Botany, in their usual good style. Other sales in the division were:—K over Glenmore (Moree), 4 at 19d, fine quality, bright, and in good condition; BB&Co. over Belmont (Winton, Q.), 24 at 20½d, 7 at 20d, 12 at 19½d, 6 first pieces at 16d, fine quality, bright, free, and well scoured; ACD over Gambarra (Cowra), 14 at 18½d, 4 at 18½d, 7 at 17d, 7 at 12½d, 4 bellies at 10½d, fine quality, a little specky, well scoured; GBR over Dandaloo, 11 at 17½d, fine quality, bright, but a little faulty; W/L (Goondiwindi, Q.), 4 first dead at 13½d, 6 second dead at 12d, 5 third dead at 10½d, 4 skin at 14½d, of fair quality, free, and in fair condition.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin offered a small and somewhat irregular selection in the greasy division. Their display of scoureds was very fair.

The highest price for greasy merino was 10d, obtained for the following lots, viz.:—16 bales fleece branded SK over — Magie, from Moombah, of good useful quality, but rather skirty; 4 bales A wethers and ewes of the Angle over J on face T over Jettiba clip, from Holt's Flat, of good quality and well skirted. Other sales were:—TJ conjoined over Edendale (Warialda), 9 at 10d, nice quality, dry; JNY over NE (Warialda), 7 at 10d; — over A over Oakley (Cootamundra), 15 at 7d; TSN over Windgidgeon (Gilgandra), 34 at 8d, rather burry.

Scoured realised to 21½d, this price being secured for four bales first combing hoggets and wethers marked Nullawa, from New Angledool. 20 bales first combing ewes bringing 20½d, 6 bales first clothing hoggets 20d, 10 bellies 12½d, 8 second pieces 13d, and 4 lambs 11d. The wool was very attractive, soft handling, of splendid colour, and well got up by Mr. R. Close, of the Moongulla Bore Scouring Works, near Collarendabri. This 21½d, the top price of the day, is a tribute to the eminently suitable properties of this particular bore-water for treating wool, as well as evidence of the careful and intelligent treatment accorded the parcel by the scourer. Other sales were:—B in diamond over Esher (Brisbane, Q.), 14 at 20½d, 26 at 19½d, carefully prepared; Ab Bros over Nelson (Coonamble), 10 at 17½d; ORM over Queensland (Ormiston, Q.), 6 at 19½d, 4 at 19d, 6 at 18d; TMC over Mudool, 10 at 17½d; EMB over Wargundy, 5 A skin at 15½d, 11 first skin at 10½d, 7 skin at 9½d.

Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co. offered nothing of a very superior character in the greasy section. The scoured division embraced one or two very well-prepared parcels.

Their top figure for greasy merino was 11½d, obtained for five bales fleece of the WY over Leicester brand, from Queensland. The wool was of good quality and staple, free, but rather skirty. Other sales were:—WR in diamond over P (Forbes), 9 at 9d, good quality and staple, but rather tender and a little seedy; C over Belmore (Lockhart), 8 at 9½d, good quality, dry, but rather seedy; reversed EH conjoined (Rosewood), 4 at 11d, nice quality, free; Ballyroe over H (Hockley), 17 at 10½d, well grown, free, and in good condition; CE over E over Temora, 4 at 9¼d, good quality, but with rather wasty back; GM (Young), 5 at 8¼d, good quality, free, but wasty; HK over KY (Young), 25 at 10¼d, 23 at 10½d, 15 pieces at 7½d, good quality, part short, bright, but rather fatty; JNU (Cooma), 8 at 8½d, good quality and staple, but skirty and a little burry; Bombrook (Cooma), 5 at 8½d, 6 at 8½d, nice staple, well grown, not quite free; WB over Nulrygyn (Eucharena), 60 at 10½d, good quality, well grown, and bright.

Their best price for scoured was 21½d, secured for two lots, viz., 18 bales FH, marked Cudmore and Sons over Tara, from Queensland, of good quality, nice staple, and free; and 13 bales of the IVD over stencils brand, also from Queensland, of good quality, light, bright, and well prepared. Other sales were:—Cudmore and Sons over Tara (Q.), 9 at 20½d, 5 first pieces at 19½d, 14 pieces at 19½d, 4 bellies at 17d, 4 locks at 12½d, as described above; CG over Retreat (Isisford, Q.), 9 at 19½d, 14 at 18½d, 4 bellies at 12½d, nice quality, specky, and a little reddish; Bunna Bunna (Millie), 4 A comeback at 19½d, 20 broken comeback at 15½d, 5 pieces comeback at 11½d, 17 A crossbred at 10½d, 5 AA crossbred at 9½d, 4 AAA crossbred at 14½d, 8 first crossbred at 14d, 13 B crossbred at 8½d, 21 BB crossbred at 9d, 4 locks at 9d, good staple, dry, and nicely prepared; LPB over Boon (Collarendabri), 7 at 20d, 7 at 19½d, 4 pieces at 17d, of nice quality and condition, carefully classed, and well prepared by R. Close, of Moongulla; BW over TJ8 (Millie), 11 at 20d, 4 at 19½d, 10 first pieces A at 15½d, 5 first pieces at 14½d, nice quality, soft but red-tinged; FOW over Sylvania (Highenden, Q.), 20 at 20½d, 14 at 20½d, 6 at 20d, 7 first pieces at 19½d, excellent staple and in fine condition; Greenbank over HA (Q.), 17 at 21½d, good staple, bright; M'LN over C (Hay), 12 at 19½d, 5 at 11½, broken at 19d, 4 first pieces at 17½d, nice quality, rather short, well prepared.

The market closed very firmly with a full maintenance of the advance established at the earlier sales of the week, competition being strong from a large attendance of buyers. Wools of good quality and condition were most favourably affected, but most classes now show a distinct improvement on last month's rates.

STOCK AND STATION PRODUCE

The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Limited, Dalgety and Co., Limited, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited, report:—

Furskins.—A strong demand prevailed for all grades, and full values were realised. Opossum skins were in firm request at slightly advanced prices. Quotations:—Grey kangaroo, average 6lb. per doz. and under 6d to 14d each, average over 6lb. and up to 14lb. 15d to 32½d, average over 14lb. and up to 24lb. 33d to 46½d; red kangaroo, average 6lb. per doz. and under 4d to 15d, average over 6lb. and up to 14lb. 15½d to 32d, average over 14lb. and up to 24lb. 33d to 52d; wallaroo, average 6lb. per doz. and under 4d to 10½d, average over 6lb. and up to 14lb. 11d to 25½d, average 14lb. and up to 28lb. 27d to 36d; wallaby, scrub, average 2½lb. 1d to 2d, average 3¼lb. to 6lb. 2½d to 11d, average 6lb. and over 11½d to 21½d; wallaby, swamp, average 2½lb. per doz., 2d to 4d, average 3¼lb. to 6lb. 4½d to 18d, average 6lb. and over 13½d to 21d; wallaby, rock, 1d to 4½d; goats, best 21d to 36d, seconds 7d to 20d; bears, best 8½d to 10½d, seconds 5d to 8d; rabbits, first 6½d to 7½d per lb., medium 5d to 6½d, small 3d to 4½d; opossum skins, first grey 11s 6d to 19s per dozen, second grey 7s to 11s, first red 11s to 18s 9d, second red 6s to 10s 6d, top rumped 7s 3d to 9s 9d, first rumped 5s to 6s 9d, second rumped 3s to 4s 2d, torn and weevily 2s 10d to 4s 10d, black to 27s.

Leather.—Sales were held yesterday by Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited. Competition for kip and waxed yearlings was the principal feature of the sales, and late full rates were readily obtained. Splits had good inquiry, and an occasional line of tweed brought satisfactory prices. Basils and sole had a fair demand, but no improvement was noticeable. Brown harness and saddlers' leathers showed no change. Quotations:—Best cow tweed 15d to 16½d per lb., fair 14d to 14½d, common 12d to 13½d; yearling tweed, best 17d to 18d, fair 15½d to 16½d; calf tweed, best 17d to 18d, fair 14½d to 16d; waxed yearling, best 15d to 16½d, heavy 13½d to 14½d; waxed calf, best 22d to 24d, fair 17d to 20d; kip, best light 12d to 13d, heavy 11d to 12d, damaged, rough 9d to 10d; dressed splits, best 8½d to 9d, fair 6½d to 8d, common 4d to 5½d; sole, extra heavy 11d to 12½d, heavy 9½d to 10½d, medium 9½d to 9½d, light 8½d to 9½d, damaged 6d to 8d; rough splits, butt 4½d to 5½d, shoulder 2d to 3½d; brown harness 10½d to 12½d, black 11½d to 14d; bridle, 8s to 11s 6d per side; bag, 7s to 11s; basils, saddlers' 18s 6d to 16s per dozen, first shoe 11s to 13s 6d, second shoe 6s to 10s, third shoe 2s 6d to 4s 6d.

PROPERTY SALE.

Richardson and Wrench, Limited, report having sold by private contract block of freehold offices in the city for the sum of £19,100.

STOCK SALES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Elder, Smith, and Co., Limited, report:—At the stock sales to-day 440 cattle were yarded, consisting largely of good to prime quality. Two hundred were from the south-east, 20 from the north, 40 from the lakes, and the remainder local. Sales were fairly active, but prices were weaker. Prime beef sold at 35s. 1700 sheep were penned, chiefly of good useful sorts. The supply was inadequate and prices considerably higher. Quotations were:—Prime merino wethers, 17s to 18s, extra 20s; prime merino ewes, 14s to 15s; prime crossbred wethers, 17s to 20s; prime crossbred ewes, 15s to 17s. Lambs: Only 1400 yarded, with prices dearer. We sold 1100 sheep and lambs.

ALBURY, Wednesday.

At the Albury stock market there was an all-round short supply of cattle and sheep, and a large attendance of buyers. The market opened with brisk competition, and continued so throughout. Store sheep were in good request, anything like decent lines being easily disposed of. Best merino wethers realised 11s 9d to 13s, good sheep 10s to 10s 6d, inferior 8s to 9s; best crossbreds, 13s 6d to 15s, a few 16s 6d to 17s 6d, good sheep 11s to 12s, light 9s to 10s. Lambs were in very short supply, and prices were high. Best quality 11s to 12s, medium 8s 6d to 9s, light 7s 3d. Store sheep sold at an advance on late rates, and were quickly disposed of. Merino ewes 8s to 8s 6d; wethers 8s to 8s 3d, and fresh-conditioned lot 9s 3d; comeback wethers, six tooth 9s 1d to two and four tooth 8s 4d; mixed hoggets 8s 3d. A very nice line of merino wether hoggets made 8s 1d. Fat cattle were in demand, the supply being within requirements. Best bullocks brought £11 to £12, good bullocks £9 10s to £10, light cattle £7 10s to £8. Cows were comparatively much dearer. Best quality £9 15s, good cows £8 10s, light £6 10s to £7 5s.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

There was a fair attendance at the stock sales to-day. Competition was dull, and the market showed no improvement. About 4000 sheep were penned. Best fat wethers realised 11s 6d to 12s 1d, others 9s to 10s 6d; fat ewes 9s to 10s; fat lambs 7s to 9s; best store wethers 7s 9d to 8s 8d, others 6s to 7s; best store ewes 9s to 10s 1d, aged 3s 6d to 5s 3d. About 400 cattle were yarded, a fair proportion fat, consisting principally of plain to medium quality cows. Fat and light weight bullocks realised £6; fat cows £5 to £6 15s. No store bullocks were forward. Store cows, £2 to 35s, three-years steers to £4, two-years £2 15s to £3, three-years heifers £3 to £4 5s, two years £2 10s to £2 15s, poddies to yearlings of 17s to 25s. Medium beef was worth about 27s per 100lb.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the live stock market to-day 1350 fat cattle were yarded, comprising 100 from the north-eastern districts, 420 from Gippsland, 550 from South Gippsland, 120 from the westward, and the remainder principally from paddocks near town. The greater portion of the supply was well suited to trade requirements. As sales progressed prices became keener, with an upward tendency, and during the latter part of the day numerous good and prime pens showed an improvement of 10s per head. Quotations were:—Prime pens bullocks £13 15s to £16 5s, extra ditto £16 17s 6d to £17 15s, good ditto £11 to £12 15s; good light and handy weights, £9 10s to £10 10s. 250 fat calves were penned. The demand was brisk at full prices. Quotations were:—Prime steers and heifers £5 to £6, good ditto £3 15s to £4 10s; prime calves 50s to 67s 6d, a few extra to 75s; best vealers, 55s to 45s; others from 20s.

MELBOURNE DEAD MEAT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Metropolitan dead meat market prices during the week ended to-day ruled as follow:—Beef: Prime bodies, 30s to 32s per 100lb.; medium, 26s to 28s; prime forequarters, 24s to 25s; medium, 21s to 22s; prime hindquarters, 36s to 40s; medium, 32s to 34s. Lamb: Prime, 11s to 12s each; medium, 8s to 10s.

KOSCIUSKO OBSERVATORY.

We have been requested by Mr. Clement Wragge to publish the opinion of Lord Kelvin and the late Professor Tait, of Edinburgh University, with reference to high level meteorological stations. In an extract from the minutes of the meteorological council of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (February 5, 1897) they state:—"In the Northern Hemisphere the irregular distribution of land and water over the earth's surface, and the meteorological consequences flowing from that distribution, so greatly complicate the problem of weather as to increase immensely the labour and time required in carrying on investigations. But in the Southern Hemisphere matters are quite different. There one ocean circles round the globe, and the distribution of atmospheric pressure is singularly low and singularly uniform over its whole extent. Now it is a close and intimate connection between this widespread region of uniformly low pressure and the cyclones and attendant anticyclones of the Southern Hemisphere, as shown by the Australian daily weather maps which affords the best hope; and this is the part of the world where the practical problems of weather can be most expeditiously and successfully investigated. In no way could this investigation be more effectively promoted than by the establishment of one or more high level observatories in the region indicated."

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

Business on the Mining market yesterday was on a moderate scale with a somewhat better tone in several Queensland gold companies and a slight weakening in Barrier silver stocks. Broken Hill Proprietary sold at 36s 6d, Broken Hill Junction opened at 5s 7d, with later business at 5s 5d, and North Broken Hill declined to 13s 6d. In the Gympie division No. 1 North Oriental were steady at 33s; South Glanmire and Monkland were a fraction easier at 35s 7d, 35s 6d; No. 5 North Phoenix (call paid), sold at 4s, and No. 1 South Oriental were firmer at 12s 4d. Copper and tin stocks were dull. Girilambone mining advanced 1d with a sale at 2s 1d and Cope's Creek Dredging sold at 8s 3d, compared with last week's business at 8s. Amongst Charters Towers gold stocks Band of Hope at 29s 6d, Queen Cross at 50s 6d, Victoria and Caledonia Block contributing at 12s 3d, and Queen Central paid, at 19s 6d, showed an upward tendency. Local gold companies had but little attention, business being restricted to Mount David at 1s 4d. Western Australia ventures were practically unchanged, with Kalgurli G M selling at 85s, and Associated Gold Mines at 42s 6d.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Bellambi	30	—
East Greta	24 6	—
Hetton	60/	68/
Newcastle	16 15	17/0/
Vale of Clwydd	20 3	—
Wallsend	35 3	—
Waratah	6 6	8/
Wickham and Bullock Island	—	2/9
Ditto, preferential, £1 pd.	5/	8/6
COPPER.		
Girilambone Mining	—	2/3
Great Cobar	77/	—
New Chillagoe	—	7/
SILVER. New South Wales.		
British Broken Hill	11 6	12/
Ditto, new	8/	9 6
Broken Hill Proprietary	36 3	36 9
Block 10	34/	35/
Block 14	5/	6/
B.H. Junction	5	6
Junction Nth.	2/6	3
North Broken	13 3	13 9
B. H. South	25/	25 6
New White Leads	4d	1/
Sulphide Corporation	6/	7/
Ditto, preference	12/	—
Tasmania.		
Curtin and Davis	1/	—
GOLD. New South Wales, &c.		
Lachlan Gold Fields	8/	9/
Mount David	1/3	1/6
Occidental	—	9 6
Dredging and Sluicing Companies.		
Araluen Central	10 9	—
Cope's Creek	8/	8/3
Federal Centrifugal	1/3	—
Jembaicumbene	6/	—
Jembaicumbene Middle Ground	7/	—
Queensland.		
Band of Hope	29/3	30/
Brilliant Extended, con.	—	18 6
Brilliant St. George	24/	—
Day Dawn Gold Mines	16/	—
Marshall's Queen	—	24/
Mt. Morgan	—	81/
N. Columbia and Smithfield No. 1, old	3/	3 6
Ditto, new	—	2/8
N'th Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	31/6	34 6
N'th Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	2/9	3/
No. 5 North Phoenix	—	4 3
No. 1 North Victory	—	2
Oriental and Columbia Consolidated	1/5	1/7
Oriental Consols	12/	12/6
Ditto, con.	9/	10/6
Oriental and Glanmire	—	18/6
Oriental Extended	5/1	—
Papuan	8/9	10/6
Queen Central	19 4½	19 7
Ditto, con.	16/	16/6
Queen Central Block	—	6/9
Ditto, con.	—	1/9
Queen Cross Reef	50/6	52/
Queen Cross Extended	—	2/
South Smithfield & Glanmire	1/	1/3
South Glanmire and Monkland	35/	35/6
South Great Eastern No. 2	73/6	75/6
South Oriental and Glanmire No. 1	12 3	—
Vesuvius	13/	15/
Victoria G.M. Association	3/9	4/6
Victoria and Caledonia Block	12/	13/
Ditto, con.	12/1	12/4½
Western Australia.		
Associated	42/	—
Ditto Northern Blocks	72 6	73/6
Chaffer's	5/	6/
Great Boulder	21/9	22/
Ditto Main Reef	14/	15/6
Gt. Boulder Perseverance	12/0/	12/10/
Ivanhoe	8/15/	9/0/
Kalgurli, Lond. Reg.	82 6	87/6
Kalgurli South, London register	23/	25/
Lake View Consols, L.R.	55	60/
Ditto, Share Warrants	58/	60
Oroya Brown Hill	61/	64/
Paringa Consolidated	3 6	—
Queensland Menzies	—	9/9
Queen Margaret	2 5	3/3
Queen Margaret Central	—	3/

EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported:—Forenoon: Victoria and Caledonia Block, contributing, 12s 3d; No. 5 North Phoenix, call paid, 4s. Later: Girilambone, 2s 1d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, contributing, 12s 3d; South Glanmire and Monkland, terms one month, 35s 7d. Noon: Broken Hill Proprietary, 36s 6d; Cope's Creek Dredging, 8s 3d. Later: Associated Gold Mines, 42s 6d; Kalgurli Gold Mines, 85s; B.H. Block 10, 34s 10d; B.H. Junction, 5s 7d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, contributing, terms one month, 12s 6d, 12s 3d; Mount David, 1s 4d; Queen Cross Reef, 50s 6d; Band of Hope, paid, 29s 6d; Oriental Extended, 5s 1d; No. 1 South Oriental, 12s 4d. Afternoon: South Glanmire and Monkland, 35s 6d; Queen Central, paid, 19s 6d. Later: Broken Hill Junction, 5s 6d, 5s 5d; Oriental and Columbia Consols, paid, 1s 6d; North Broken Hill, 13s 6d; No. 1 North Oriental, 33s.

The Mungana (Chillagoe) Mining Company, Limited, reports by wire on March 16:—Working Calumet, Lady Jane, and Girofla; stopped Griffith cut during rain. Shipped 130 tons copper ore and 100 tons lead sulphides. Breaking lead carbonates. Work hampered by water.

In reply to inquiries made at the beginning of the month it was officially stated that the North Broken Hill Silver-mining Company was not likely to be making regular calls, and did not anticipate another for some time.

The manager of the Crowl Creek mine (Shuttleton, N.S.W.) reports to March 9:—Various stopes at 60ft. level and 110ft. level producing good bagging ore. No. 16 crosscut 270ft. level extended 14ft.; total 50ft. Now in ore channel; first 6ft. sixty ground carrying fair ore, face sample 7 per cent.; next 2ft. good ore similar to winze, special assay 17 per cent. copper. March 11: Just fired 3ft. into splendid ore.

NEW CHILLAGOE RAILWAY AND MINES.

HALF-YEARLY STATEMENTS.

The report of the directors of the Chillagoe Railway and Mines for the period from the date of registration of the new company up to December 31 last, which has been issued to the shareholders, states that mining operations, which were completely suspended by the old company in December, 1901, were resumed in April of last year. Mr. T. J. Greenway, who assumed control as general manager in August last, had up to the present confined his work to the Queensland, M'Ilwraith, Penzance, Zillmanton, Harper, Boomerang, and Hobson mines. The most important developments were in the Penzance and Zillmanton lodes, where, at depths of 150ft. and 250ft. respectively, copper ore of profitable grade was exposed. Smelting operations, which were commenced under Mr. Greenway's management on October 23 last, showed a good recovery from the ore treated, and a comparatively low smelting cost. The smelting product of necessity had continued to be matte of a value of about 56 per cent. of copper and 35oz. to 40oz. silver per ton. Though there had been a ready sale for the matte at fairly satisfactory returning charges, there was no doubt that a converter plant for refining the furnace product would be of great service to the company. A concentrating plant of moderate capacity was also needed, and, as the cost of both plants would no doubt be quickly paid for in increased profit, it was hoped that the cost of providing them might be available in the near future. The mines abovementioned, and also the Ruddygore, had been joined by rail to the company's main line.

Mr. Fred. Back, the superintendent of the railway, in his report, summarises the results of the working of the line for the year 1902 as follows:—

Receipts	£29,194 15 10
Expenditure	£17,400 15 1
Profit on working	£11,794 0 9
Percentage of expenditure to receipts, 59·60.	

He estimates the net profit for the railway during the current year at £20,000, and that with a second smelter blown in at the end of February the profit to be expected would be £25,000.

With regard to the financial position of the company, the directors state that the calls made were paid with a promptitude that had been of much assistance to the board. It permitted the company to proceed with all necessary work without fear of interruption, and enabled it at the same time to meet all demands, including the October debenture interest and a reduction of the old company's bank overdraft by £20,000.

Regarding this overdraft (which then stood at £50,000), it would be remembered that it was anticipated at the time the company was formed that the debt might be met wholly or in part by the sale of the £50,000 debentures held by the bank as security, but a very depressed market made this impossible, except perhaps at a price the directors would not entertain. Under the circumstances, therefore, there was no other course than to make use of subscribed capital. A further demand on this capital had now to be made, and a final call of 1s per share, payable April 6 proximo, was therefore announced. This would meet the wish of many shareholders who wished that the shares of the company should be freed from liability and appear in the markets as fully paid. A statement of the company's position recently submitted to the board showed that with the proceeds of this call in hand the company would be in a position to meet all liabilities as at April 1 next, including the debenture interest due on that date, and (if necessary) to pay off the remainder of the debt—£30,000—still owing to the bank, and after all liabilities are met a credit balance will remain. The £50,000 debentures would then, of course, be free, and remain for the use of the company.

The recent steady advance in price of copper and lead and the healthy outlook of the metal market generally were of much importance to shareholders. The company should almost immediately begin to feel the effect of the improvement in copper, through sales of early shipments, now almost due at their destination, the price to the company under the terms of sale being the price at date of realisation.

The report of the general manager, Mr. Greenway, states that the cost of smelting was 17s 10d per ton of crude ore dealt with, and the copper recovery was 97.55 per cent. It was expected that the smelting cost would shortly be brought down to about 15s per ton.

CHILLAGOE RAILWAY.

In reference to the reported washaway on the Chillagoe railway line, the superintendent of the line telegraphs (states our Melbourne correspondent) that a small quantity of ballast was washed out at 12 miles from Mareeba on Saturday. There was a delay of one hour, and the cost of repairs was under £5.

CHILLAGOE SMELTING RETURNS.

The report of the New Chillagoe Railway and Mines, Limited, for the month ended February 28 states that smelting operations have been continued throughout the month with satisfactory results. Returns for the period were:—Treated: Chillagoe ore, oxidised 1067 tons, sulphide 709 tons; Mungana Company's ore, 712 tons; Mount Garnet Company's ore, 793 tons; total, 4181 tons. Produced 313·77 tons matte, containing 165·6 tons copper and 14,912oz. silver, in the following proportions:—Chillagoe Company, copper 93 tons, silver 4761oz.; Mungana Company, copper 42 tons, silver 3344oz.; Garnet Company, copper 30·6 tons, silver 6807oz.

ARLTUNGA GOLDFIELD.

The special correspondent of the Adelaide "Advertiser," writing on March 13 with reference to claims adjacent to Winnecke's Reward, says:—"A report just to hand states that Webb Brothers and Thring, on resuming alluvial work after the recent rain, got 11oz. in the day. From the first theirs has been a very rich claim. Below in the same gully a claim held by Wing returned £9 last week for one man's labour. A tender for sinking a Government well at the depot, near the Reward, has been accepted, the price being £3 per foot. The tenderer has to provide everything, including troughing, fence, and winding gear, and the depth is to be 150ft. The mail and passenger traffic from Oodnadatta is now exceptionally heavy. Williams, the mail contractor, states that he has three coaches on the track, and they are due to-morrow. Next week he will have no less than nine coaches in use and over 200 horses. Twenty passengers were booked by coaches leaving Oodnadatta on Tuesday next.

TIN MINING IN QUEENSLAND.

A correspondent of the "Cairns Argus" writes as follows:—"Since the rain has fallen heavily in the Herberton district, considerable quantities of alluvial tin have been obtained from stacks of 'wash-dirt,' which the miners for many months worked under considerable difficulties to secure. Fresh discoveries of alluvial tin are being made frequently at Herberton, Eureka Creek, Return Creek, Smith's Creek, and other parts of the district, which is giving employment of a remunerative character to a number of miners. The present high price of tin should cause many of the abandoned deposits not considered payable when tin was much lower in value than now, to be worked with profitable results. Good tin ore continues to be raised from the Freehold Tin Company's mine, and great developments in tin mining are anticipated in this district.

MINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The official opening of the new battery in connection with Sinclair and Wilson's gold mine, Clear Creek, took place to-day.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

Several claims on a good line of reef at Cargo are raising stone which gives indications of good returns when milled. Excellent reports are to hand from the Victory gold mine, near Canowindra.

INTER-STATE EXCHANGES

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Sales and quotations on the Exchange to-day were: Broken Hill Proprietary, 37s 6d, 36s 3d, b 36s 3d, s 36s 6d; Block 14, 15s 10d, 5s 10½d, b 5s 10d, s 5s 11d; British, old, 11s 6d (50 shares), b 11s 6d, s 12s; ditto, new, 9s, b 8s 9d, s 9s; Block 10, b 34s 3d, s 34s 9d; Junction, 5s 9d, 5s 5d, 5s 7d, b 5s 6d, s 5s 8d; North Broken Hill, 13s 9d, b 13s 7½d, s 13s 10½d; South Blocks, contributing, 2s 3d, 2s 2½d, b 2s 1½d, s 2s 3d; Junction North, 2s 10½d, 2s 8d, 2s 9d, b 2s 9d, s 2s 10d; Sulphide, ordinary, 6s 11d, 6s 10d, b 6s 9d, s 6s 11d; Associated Gold Mines (colonial), 42s 6d, b 42s 3d, s 42s 9d; Associated Northern Blocks (colonial), b 72s 6d, s 73s 3d; Cosmopolitan (colonial), b 15s 7½d, s 16s; Great Boulder Proprietary, 22s 1½d, b 22s 1½d, s 22s 3d; Hainault (colonial), 15s 9d, b 15s 6d, s 16s; Oroya Brown Hill (colonial), b 63s 9d, s 64s; Island Eureka, 6s 8d, 6s 4d, b 6s 3d, s 6s 5d; Island Eureka South, 1s 3d, b 1s, s 1s 2d; Ivanhoe (colonial), b £8 17s 6d, s £9 1s; ditto Junction, 2s 5d, b 2s 4d, s 2s 6d; Lake View Consols (colonial), 59s 6d 59s, 59s 3d, b 59s 3d, s 60s; Lake View South, paid, 2s, s 2s 2d; North Kalgurli, paid, 6s, 5s 10d, b 5s 6d, s 5s 9d; North Boulder, paid, 3s, b 3s, s 3s 1d; Premier, b 2s 9d, s 3s 6d; Princess Royal, paid, 42s, 41s 9d, b 41s 6d, s 42s; ditto, contributing, b 40s, s 41s; ditto South, paid, 2s 3d, b 2s 2d, s 2s 4d; Queen Margaret, 2s 9d, 3s, 2s 11d, b 3s 1d, s 3s 2d; Queensland Menzies, b 9s 2d, s 9s 5d; South Kalgurli (colonial), 23s 6d, b 23s 3d, s 23s 9d; Victory United, 8½d; Baker's Creek, 4s 1d, b 4s, s 4s 2d; Tarcoola Blocks, 7s 10d, 7s 9d, b 7s 3d, s 7s 9d; All Nations, 1s 6d, 1s 7d, 1s 7½, b 1s 7½d, s 1s 8d; Central Australian, contributing, 5½d, 6d; Corbin Prospecting, £20, £27, b £26, s £28; M'Donnell Ranges No. 1, £9, £8 15s, b £8 10s, s £9; Winnecke Junction, £16 10s, £17 10s, £17 5s, £17 10s, b £17 10s, s £17 15s; Chillagoe, 6s 4½d, 6s 6d, b 6s 9d; Mungana, 2s 10d, 2s 9d, b 2s 9d, s 2s 10d; Paull's, b 7s 6d, s 12s 6d; Wallaroo, 20s small scrip, s 20s; South African Diamonds, £15 10s, £15, b £14 10s, s £17; Brises, 8s 1d, 7s 11d, 8s 1d, b 7s 10d, s 8s; Stannary Hills, 9s 1d 9s, b 9s, s 9s 1d; Smith's Creek, 20s 6d, 20s, 20s 3d, b 20s 3d, s 20s 6d; Winnecke's Proprietary, £17 5s, £19, £19, s £19 10s; Winnecke Reward, £85, £88, b £88, s £90; Northeys £14 10s; Arbouin Hills, 1s 6d, b 1s 6d, s 1s 7d.

BENDIGO, Wednesday.

Sales on the Exchange to-day were:—Columbia, paid, 2s 3d; Cumberland and Phoenix, 1s 8d, 1s 9d; Extended South Devon, 5d; Great Columbia, 16s 9d; Hustler's Reef, 12s 3d; Hustler's Reef No. 1, 28s; New Moon Consolidated, 4s 5½d; North Nuggety, 6½d; South Quartz Hill, 5d.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Sales on the Exchange to-day were:—No. 1 North Oriental, forward, 32s 6d; East Oriental, paid, 7s 2d; Craven's Caledonia, 4s 8d; Queensland Menzies, 9s 2d. Quotations were:—New Chillagoe, contributing, b 6s 9d, s 7s; Chillagoe Debentures, b £73, s £81; Mungana, b 2s 10d; Mount Garnet Freehold, b 10d, s 11d; Smith's Creek, s 21s 9d.

GYMPIE, Wednesday.

Sales on the Stock Exchange to-day were:—No. 2 North Oriental, 2s 11d; No. 1 South ditto, 12s 9d, 12s 10d; Oriental Extended, 5s 2d, 5s 3d; East Oriental, 4s 5d; No. 2 North Victory, 8½d.

Quotations were:—Columbia Smithfield, b 2s 3d, s 2s 9d; No. 1 North Columbia, new, b 1s 11d, s 2s 4d; No. 2 ditto, b 4s 2d, s 4s 9d; Columbia Extended, b 1s 10d, s 2s 2d; Gympie Crushing Battery, b 1s, s 2s; South Glanmire and Monkland, b 34s 6d, s 36s; Glanmire and Monkland Tribute, b 7d, s 8d; No. 3 South Great Eastern, b 2½d, s 6d; No. 7 Lady Mary, b 2d, s 2½d; Oriental Surprise, b 1s 2d, s 1s 4d; No. 1 North Oriental b 32s 6d, s 33s 9d; No. 2 ditto, b 2s 10½d, s 2s 11d; No. 1 South Oriental, b 12s 9d, s 12s 10d; Oriental Extended, b 5s 2½d, s 5s 3d; East Oriental, paid, b 6s 6d, s 7s; Phoenix Golden Pile, b 9½d, s 10½d; No. 1 North Phoenix, b 2s 3½d, s 2s 6d; No. 5 ditto, b 3s 9d, s 4s 6d; No. 6 ditto, b 8d, s 10d; Queen Oriental, b 4½d, s 5d; North Smithfield, b 4s 3d, s 6s; Smithfield Eastern Tribute, b 2s 8d, s 2s 10d; South Scottish, b 8½d, s 9d; No. 1 North Victory, b 1s 1d, s 1s 5½d; No. 2 ditto, b 8d, s 8½d; Home Rule, b 1s 4½, s 2s; Smithfield and Glanmire, paid, b 1s s 1s 2d.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The following are the buying and selling quotations and prices of sales effected in the share market to-day:—

Silver.—Broken Hill Block 10, b 34s 6d, s 35s, sales 34s 6d, 35s, 34s 9d; British Broken Hill, s 13s; Broken Hill Proprietary, b 36s 3d, s 36s 6d, sales 36s 6d; ditto, South, paid, b 25s, sales 25s 9d, 25s 6d; ditto South, contributing, b 14s 3d, s 15s 9d; South Blocks, paid, b 5s 6d, s 6s 3d; ditto ditto, contributing, b 2s 1d, s 2s 4d, sales 2s 4d; Broken Hill Junction, b 5s, s 5s 8d; ditto Junction North, b 2s 6d, s 2s 10d, sales 2s 10d, 2s 9d; North Broken Hill, b 13s 7½d, s 13s 9d, sales 14s 3d, 13s 9d; Victoria, sales 11d; Sulphide Corporation, b 6s 11d, s 7s, sales 7s.

Tasmanian copper, silver, and gold: Colonel North, b 1½d, s 3d; Crown Lyell, b 10d, s 10½d, sales 1s, 10½d; Curtin and Davis, b 1s 4d, sales 1s 5d; Hercules, b 4s 6d; Lyell Tharsis, b 1s 3d, s 1s 4d, sales 1s 3d, 1s 2d; Mount Jukes Proprietary, paid, b 1s 5d, s 1s 9d, sales 1s 6d; Mount Lyell, b 7ls 6d, s 72s, sales 72s, 70s, 72s; Mount Lyell Extended, paid, b 9d; North Mount Farrell, b 6s 6d, s 6s 9d, sales 6s 9d; North Mount Lyell, b 29s, s 29s 3d, sales 29s; Tasman and Crown Extended, b 4d, s 6d; ditto, paid, b 1s, sales 1s 1d.

Queensland copper and silver: Chillagoe R. and M., b 6s 9d; ditto, paid, b 7s 9d, sales 7s; Mungana, b 2s 10d, sales 3s, 2s 10d; Mount Garnet Freehold, b 10d, s 1s.

Miscellaneous copper and silver: Coppertop (S.A.), b 4d, s 4½d, sales 4d; Crowl Creek, s 10s 6d; ditto, paid, s 20s.

Coal mines: Newcastle, b £16 15s.

Tin mines: Arbouin, b 1s 2d, s 1s 6d; Mount Bischoff, s £59; Briseis, b 7s 10d, s 8s, sales 8s, 7s 11d; Brothers Home No. 1, b 6s, s 7s 6d; Pioneer, b 97s, sales 98s; Stannary Hills, b 9s 1d, s 9s 3d; Smith's Creek, b 20s 3d, s 20s 6d, sales 20s 3d; Surprise Gully, b 5d.

Miscellaneous gold companies: Winnecke Reward, sales £90; Winnecke Junction, b £18, s £19, sales £17 5s, £18; Venture Syndicate, b £12, sales £12, £12 2s 6d; Paul Northey Syndicate, b £15, s £16, sales £15, £15 10s; Winnecke Proprietary, sales £17, £17 10s.

Victorian gold mines: Al Gaffney's, b 7s 6d; All Nations, b 2s 3d, s 2s 6d, sales 2s 6d; Band and Loch, b 1s 3d; Berry Extended, s 50s; Berry United, s 1s; Birthday, b 47s 6d, s 48s, sales 47s 6d, 48s 6d, 47s; Birthday Tunnel, b 25s 6d, s 27s 6d, sales 27s 6d; Black Horse United, b 9s, s 10s 3d, sales 10s; Buckeye, s 9d; ditto, paid, s 8d; Burnt Creek, b 5s 4d, sales 5s 6d, 5s 4d; Birthday Tunnel North, b 2s 4d, s 2s 5d, sales 2s 5d; Caledonian, paid, b 1s 11d, s 2s; Campbell's Creek, b 2s; Cassilis, b 32s, s 33s 6d, sales 33s, 32s; Cathcart Proprietary, b 1s 9d, s 2s 6d; Clarence, s 36s; Columbia, s 1s 10d; ditto, paid, b 2s, sales 2s 2½d, 2s 3d; Cumberland and Phoenix, b 1s 7d, s 2s; Duchess of York, s 1s; Duke and Main Leads, Cons., b 4s 4d, s 4s 6d, sales 4s 6d; Duke North, b 3s, s 3s 2d; Duke of Wellington, b 2s 3d, s 2s 4d, sales 2s 5d, 2s 3d; Duke of York, s 2s 2d; ditto, paid, s 2s 2d; Excelsior, b 3d, s 1s 9d; Federal and Shannon, s 2s; Federal Convention, s 6d; First Chance, s 4s 9d; Glenline Consols, b 4d; ditto, South, b 14s 6d, s 17s; Golden Pyke, b 13s; Great South German, s 1s 9d; Great South Long Tunnel, b 1s 1d, s 1s 2d, sales 1s 2d; Great Southern, s 15s; Great Southern No. 1, sales 7s 3d; Great Southern Consols, s 6s 6d; Hainault, b 2s 1d, s 2s 4d; Hustler's Reef, b 11s 9d, s 12s, sales 12s 6d, 12s; ditto, No. 1, s 28s 6d; Jubilee, b 42s, s 45s; Kangaroo, b 1s 3d; King Cassilis, s 3s 6d; Long Tunnel Extended, £13 5s, £13 10s, £13 5s; Lord Nelson North, 2s 7d 3s 3d; Madame Berry West, 17s, 20s; Main Leads North, 8s, 8s 6d; Maori Queen, paid, 15s; Maude and Homeward Bound, 1s 6d; M'Intyre's, 1s 10d, 2s; Mount Elliott, 2s 3d, 2s 9d; Mount Morgan, 83s; New Dempsey, 46s, 48s, 45s, 47s; New Loch Vyes, 10s, 13s, 12s, 11s 6d; New Moon, £6 12s 6d; North Dempsey, 1s 6d, 2s; North Lady Brassey, 1s; North Sir John Franklin, 8d; Quartz Hill, 2s 6d, 5s 6d; Reef Hill, 3s 9d, 3s 11d, 3s 11d; Rob Roy, 1s, 1s 5d; ditto, paid, 1s 3d, 1s 9d; Royal George, 6d; Russell's Reef, 1s; Sebastopol Plateau No. 1, 27s 6d, 27s, 26s; Sir John Franklin, 2s 2d; ditto, paid, 3s; South British, 1s 7d; South Birthday, 28s 9d, 29s; South Dempsey, 3½d, 6d; South German, 22s, 22s 6d, 22s 6d; South New Moon, £6 10s; South Star Extended, 2s 6d, 3s 2d; Spring Hill Leads, 11s, 14s; Spring Gully, 20s; Vesuvius, 11s 6d, 13s; Victoria (Charters Towers), 3s 9d, 4s 4d; West Berry Consols, 5s 3d, 6s 9d; White Star (8s 5d paid), 2s 6d; ditto, 10s paid, 2s 9d; William's Fancy, 3s 8d; Bayley's Consols, 20s 10d, 4s; Queen Margaret, 2s.

LONDON MINING MARKET.

LONDON, March 18.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday New Chillagoe shares were quoted at 7s 6d, and North Lyell at 27s 6d.

GOLD YIELDS.

Queensland Menzies, W.A., crushed 878 tons for 1106oz.; Phoenix G. M. Company, No Liability (Parkes), crushed 42 tons from 400ft. level for 58oz. smelted gold.

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ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

H. DUFF and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, Houses and Land, and Civil Service Co-operative Share.
RAINE and HORNE.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, Houses and Land.
E. C. V. BROUGHTON.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, Houses and Land.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON.—At the Rangers, Ranger's-avenue, Mosman, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, Carpets, &c.
R. H. BRODRIBB.—At the corner of Albert and Victoria streets, Pott's Point, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, Carpets, Linoleums, &c.
STRONGMAN and WATSON.—At the Burwood Salerooms, at 11, Furniture, Pianofortes, Carpets, Linoleums, Gas Stoves, &c.
CLARKE and SOLOMONS.—At Dollar Cottage, Brisbane-street, Milson's Point, North Sydney, at 11, Furniture, Piano, &c.
A. TRAVERS and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Drapery, Clothing Mercery, Woollens, Tweeds, &c.
W. J. LAWS.—At Belmont, Llewellyn-street, Balmain, at 10.30, Furniture, Oil Paintings, Violin, &c.
A. FIDGAR.—At 66 Oxford-street, at 2.30, Furniture, Piano, Showcases, &c.
BARNARD and CO.—At 182 Redfern-street, Redfern, at 11, Furniture, Piano, Sewing Machine, &c.; on the Premises, Thomson-street, Darlinghurst, at 3, Furniture, Carpets, Linoleums, Dinner and Tea Sets, &c.
J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c.; at 3, Jewellery, &c.
N. B. MAY.—At 4 George-street West, at 11, Furniture, Tea &c.
V. N. NELSON.—At the Salerooms, at 11, Furniture, Glassware, Cutlery, Dinner Service, &c.
LAWSON, HENDERSON, and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Pianofortes, &c.
MITCHELL and CRANSTON.—At 892 Crown-street, at 2.30, Furniture, Glassware, &c.
H. LEVY.—At the rear of 131 George-street West, at 11.30, Stationery, Fancy Goods, &c.
J. LAZARUS.—At 183 Riley-street, at 2.30, Furniture, Kitchen Utensils, &c.
MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, at 2.30, Furniture, Mangle, &c.
GIBBS and CO.—At corner Denman and Darling streets, Glebe, at 11, Tobacconist Business, Stock, Furniture, &c.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Wool Exchange, at 10, Hair, Horns, and Sundries; at 2.30, Tallow.
PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At the Wool Salerooms, at 10.30, Hair, Horns, &c.; at 2, Sheepskins.
THE N.Z. LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY CO.—At the Royal Exchange, at 10, Hair, Horns, Bones.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30, 11.30, and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.
STRONGMAN and WATSON.—At the Burwood Salerooms, at 11, Phaeton.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Railway Yards, at 11 and 1.30, Cows, &c.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

MILITARY FORCES OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

SUPPLIES FOR ENCAMPMENTS.

TENDERS are invited for Supplies to Military Encampments at Clarendon, near Windsor. Tender forms and all information can be obtained at the office of the N.S.W. Lancers, Parramatta. Tenders will close on the 24th MARCH, at 12 o'clock noon. A deposit of FIVE POUNDS must accompany each tender as a guarantee of good faith, to be forfeited in the event of a tenderer declining to complete his contract.

M. A. HILLIARD, Major, D.S.O.
(Cd-60) Staff Officer N.S.W. Lancers.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, Sydney, 18th March, 1903.—ATTENTION is directed to Commonwealth Gazette Notice inviting Tenders, addressed to the Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, up to 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 25th instant, for the SUPPLY of FORAGE. J. DALGARNO, Deputy Postmaster-General. (Cp-70)

BICYCLES WANTED AND FOR SALE.

BROWN-BAKER Patent PUNCTURE STOP. Bennett and Barkell, 254 Pitt-st.
GENT.'S BICYCLE, steel rims, new tyres, Brooks' saddle, dropped handles, £8 15s. 12 Imperial Arcade.
TANDEM, lady and gent.'s, Cleveland, new tires and tubes, perfect order. £8. I X L, Imperial Arcade.
MOTOR Bicycles, engines 4½-h.p., 1½ Dion Motor Car for Sale. C. Highland, 98 Market-st.
WANTED Buy, Royal Speedwell BICYCLE, free wheel. Price, particulars, Speedwell, P.O., Darlington.

FOR SALE.

MAGNIFICENT Iron SAFE, Double Doors, 72 x 48 x 30, weighing 2 tons, by the world-famed maker, JAMES FELTON ELWELL; Registered Vulcan Sicher SAFE, Birmingham. These safes are well known in Europe, and a firm of wholesale jewellers in York-street (now out of business, names will be disclosed) brought this safe out from England for their own use, costing £300.
MY PRICE, £75.
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TOY.—The Friends of the late Mr. THOMAS TOY, late of Wards, Forbes, are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, Faversham-street, Marrickville, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for R. C. Cemetery, Necropolis. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, 206 King-street, Newtown. Tel., 184 N.

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O. R.F.—The Members of Court Unity, No. 432, O.R.F., are requested to attend the Interment of our deceased Brother, J. H. ROBERTS, which will take place at Waverley Cemetery THIS DAY, Thursday, at 4 p.m.
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SMITH.—The Friends of Mr. JOSEPH W. SMITH are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Mary Ann, which will move from his residence, No. 46 Terry-street, Balmain West, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Field of Mars Cemetery, Ryde.
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